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Sports Minister will skip Asiad inaugural as China bars entry of Arunachal players

- One wushu player not allowed to board flight; two others stopped at Hong Kong
- All the three sportspersons had valid accreditation, say government officials
- MEA rejects 'differential treatment of citizens based on domicile or ethnicity'

Uthra Ganesan
Suhasini Haidar
HANGZHOU/NEW DELHI

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday cancelled his visit to the Asian Games, due to China's denial of entry to Indian wushu players from Arunachal Pradesh, even as the government registered an official protest at the decision.

The three players – Nyeman Wangsu, Onilu Tega and Mepung Lamgu – were refused entry despite having e-accreditations from the organisers. While Ms. Wangsu could not board the flight from Delhi at all, the other two were told they could only travel till Hong Kong. With no further development and their event scheduled for Sunday, it seems unlikely they will be able to participate.

Government officials in New Delhi said they were surprised by China's treatment of the three sportspersons from Arunachal Pradesh who had valid accreditation.

Games to begin today

Despite ongoing tensions between India and China at the Line of Actual Control, Mr. Thakur, who also holds the portfolios of Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs, was scheduled to travel to Hangzhou for the inauguration of the Asian Games by Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday.

It was only after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) learnt on Friday, that the players were stopped from boarding their flight from Delhi late on Thursday night, that the decision was taken to cancel the ministerial visit, and to lodge protests with Beijing.

Jarring note: Sportspersons bound for Hangzhou arriving in China's Zhejiang province. AFP

The ground staff of the airline – Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific – eventually allowed two of the Arunachal residents to board their flight to Hong Kong, but they were then prevented from going on to Hangzhou. Officials said they believed that all three had received their accreditation cards, in what was possibly an "oversight" by Chinese sporting officials, and therefore "instructions" were given by Chinese authorities to stop them from boarding at the last minute. According to the protocol for the Asian Games, all sportspersons were given accreditation cards, which served as visas for entry into China, and not visas on their passports.

An official told *The Hindu* that it could not have been a "coincidence" that the three sportspersons targeted were all from Arunachal Pradesh.

"The Government of India has learnt that the Chinese authorities have, in a targeted and premeditated manner, discriminated against some of the Indian sportspersons from Arunachal Pradesh," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi. "In line with our long-standing and consistent position, India firmly rejects differential treatment of Indian citizens on the basis of domicile or ethnicity," he said.

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State to comply with CWRC order on water release

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the Supreme Court refused to intervene either in favour of Karnataka or Tamil Nadu in the Cauvery dispute, the State Cabinet decided to comply with the order of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on releasing water to the neighbouring State till September 26.

Briefing presspersons after a Cabinet meeting on Friday, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, said that daily 3,000 to 3,500 cusecs of water was flowing from the Krishnaraja Sagar and Kabini reservoir to Tamil Nadu.

He said the State would release water to Tamil Nadu till September 26.

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JD(S) teams up with BJP

The Hindu Bureau
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Less than a year ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Janata Dal (S) joined the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance in New Delhi on Friday.

The announcement was made after former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J.P. Nadda in Delhi. Though no details have been released so far about seat sharing, JD(S) is expected to ask for four to six seats.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said that seat sharing would be decided at an "auspicious time after Dasara". He described the coming together of the parties as a "lasting and long-term alliance". The parties are coming together formally after nearly 16 years.

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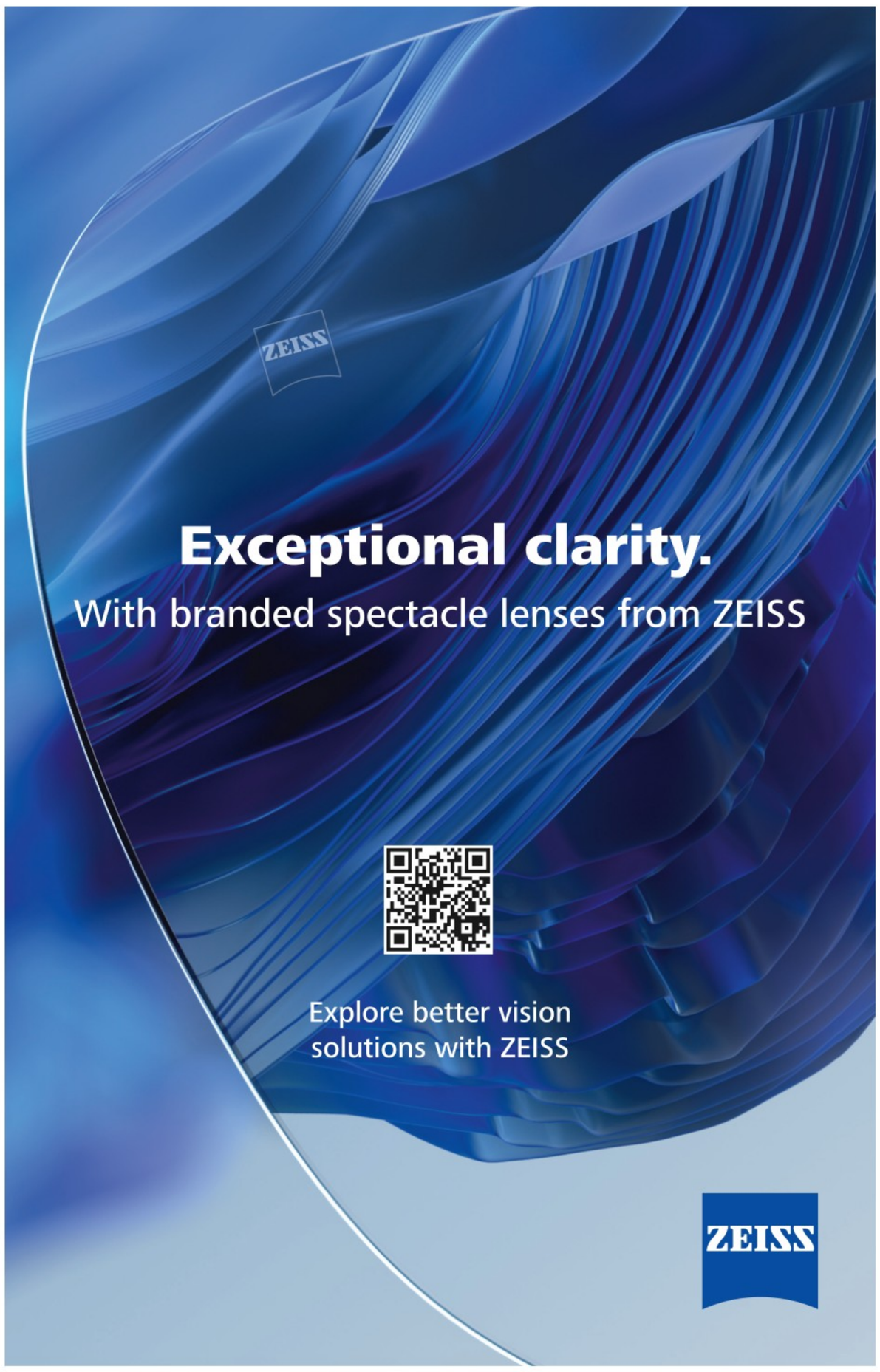

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Can P.V. Sindhu rediscover her rhythm in Hangzhou?

The former badminton world champion has struggled for form since returning from a five-month injury layoff in January. With the Asian Games event beginning next week and the 2024 Paris Olympics looming on the horizon, one of India's most decorated athletes faces a race against time

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>
> **VIMAL KUMAR**
> Director and chief coach, PPBA

N. Sudarshan

Nothing in sport is as ubiquitous as failure. A goalkeeper fluffing a regulation save, a wicketkeeper dropping a straightforward catch, a long-jumper touching the ground beyond the take-off board – every such public failure is a humiliating fall in the mud.

Failures are also star-blind and reputation-agnostic. Virat Kohli cannot go three years without scoring a Test hundred. Serena Williams should not lose four Grand Slam finals in a row. Tiger Woods must not be winless for over a decade at the golf Majors.

The latest to be scarred for failing to live up to the loftiest of expectations is P.V. Sindhu. One of India's most decorated athletes, the badminton star is a two-time Olympic medallist, a world champion, Commonwealth Games gold and Asian Games silver medallist.

Worrying slump

But since winning the Commonwealth gold in Birmingham in August 2022, Sindhu has gone more than a year without climbing to the top of the podium. She has reached just one final in this period, at the Madrid Masters, where she lost 8-21, 8-21 to Indonesia's Gregoria Tunjung, a player she had beaten in all of their previous meetings. Against a career singles win-loss record of 431-187 (70%), she has lost nearly every second match in 2023 (20-19, 51%).

At the All England Open, she didn't win a rubber, and last month she lost her first encounter at the World Championships in Copenhagen, a dispiriting 14-21, 14-21 reverse to the former world champion from Japan, Nozomi Okuhara. It was the earliest she had lost at the Worlds since her first medal as an 18-year-old in Guangzhou 2013.

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>
> **APARNA POPAT**
> Arjuna awardee

As the Hangzhou Asian Games beckons in the immediate term, and the 2024 Paris Olympics looms on the horizon, her worrisome form is the subject of a raging nationwide debate.

"She should first find her rhythm," says Aparna Popat, a former National badminton champion and Arjuna awardee. "Ideally, if she was in form and things would have gone well, the Asian Games is a competition where she would have hoped to get a medal. And looking at her past, we know that she is very well capable.

"But right now, her priority should be to get her rhythm back. Considering it [Asian Games] is a longish tournament [Sept. 28 to Oct. 7], it may help her do that. To take one match at a time and see where she lands up at. The mindset shouldn't be whether she can get a medal. But finding her rhythm should be a priority."

Notoriously tough event

The Asian Games is, however, a notoriously tough tournament to find form in. Such is the strength of the competition that it can be termed the 'World Championships minus Carolina Marin'. Among the world's top 25 women's singles players (rankings as on Sept. 19), only six are from outside Asia. India had long grappled to crack the code, with Syed Modi the only individual Asian Games medallist (bronze, 1982) until the successes of Sindhu (silver) and Saina Nehwal (bronze) at Jakarta 2018.

And Sindhu, ever since returning from a five-month injury layoff this January, hasn't shown very many signs of regaining her form. The ankle stress fracture sustained during the gold medal run at 2022 CWG has hampered her on-court movement, with the resultant loss of speed, power and control accentuating her struggles.

In July, she fell to 17th in the world, her lowest ranking in over a decade. Though she is No. 15 now, slipping out of the world's top 16 will deny her the protection that comes with being seeded at tournaments.

"She needs to get her speed back and the net play going," says former National champion Vimal Kumar, who is the director and chief coach at the Bengaluru-based Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA). "The injury was a tough phase and she is trying to come out of it and she may have to approach things in a different way.

"She has the height advantage [5'10"], but she needs to get those quick movements back, find her touch at the net, the variations to take the shuttle early, hitting it back and the tumble. She needs to use the half-smashes more judiciously.

"It is also not true that tall players can't get to low shuttles. See how agile Viktor Axelsen is at 6'4". You don't need to teach her these things, but to regain the confidence to play those shots is not an easy task. A lot of things are against her."

First step in the quest

The appointment of former All England champion Muhammad Hafiz Hashim as her new coach (since mid-July), following the exit of Park Tae-Sang who guided Sindhu to bronze at Tokyo 2020, is to be seen as the first step in this quest.

Since exiting from the Worlds nearly four weeks ago, she hasn't played a tournament, choosing instead to train under the Malaysian by carving out a window in an infamously jam-packed calendar. Sindhu even visited the PPBA earlier this month for a few pearls of wisdom from the legendary Prakash Padukone.

While Hafiz has promised to help the 28-year-old "rediscover the winning touch", Popat believes that at the end of the day it is all about how much Sindhu wants it. "We can look at who is playing and what her tactics are, but it would be better for her to look at herself," Popat says.

"If we work backwards from the Olympics, we are running out of time. There is no question that it [success] will come. But can it happen in time? It depends on her motivation, what she wants to do and what her aspirations are. Can she win again? Of course she can. Does she want to do it, it is really up to her to decide."

Vimal feels that the string of defeats may actually free her rather than be a burden. "There are no expectations and she is not the favourite for a medal," he says. "The Japanese are there, so are the Chinese, and [World No. 1] An Se Young. But we can always be hopeful. Sindhu has the pedigree. Barring An Se, she has beaten all of them. If she can click, there is hope."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	11,795	19
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	8,535	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	7,280	22
4	Holger Rune	20	4,710	22
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	4,615	23
6	Andrey Rublev	25	4,515	25
7	Jannik Sinner	22	4,465	22
8	Taylor Fritz	25	3,955	26
9	Casper Ruud	24	3,560	24
10	Alexander Zverev	26	3,030	21
11	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,690	22
12	Alex de Minaur	24	2,685	24
13	Tommy Paul	26	2,660	25
14	Felix Auger-Aliassime	23	2,340	22
15	Karen Khachanov	27	2,135	19

Top Indians

Sumit Nagal
Rank 159 ▼ 3 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 407 ▼ 42 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	25	9,266	17
2	Iga Swiatek	22	8,195	19
3	Coco Gauff	19	6,165	20
4	Jessica Pegula	29	5,755	19
5	Elena Rybakina	24	5,665	19
6	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,830	17
7	Ons Jabeur	29	3,771	18
8	Karolina Muchova	27	3,765	18
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,560	24
10	Barbora Krejcikova	27	3,220	20
11	Caroline Garcia	29	3,050	26
12	Madison Keys	28	2,940	20
13	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,790	25
14	Petra Kvitova	33	2,750	16
15	Belinda Bencic	26	2,715	20

Top Indians

Ankita Raina
Rank 184 ▼ 3 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 228 ▼ 14 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	374	12
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	223	2
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	180	0
4	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	170	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	142	1
6	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	123	0
7	George Russell	Mercedes	109	0
8	Lando Norris	McLaren	97	0
9	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	47	0
10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	45	0
11	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	42	0
12	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	36	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	21	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	6	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	3	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	3	0
19	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri	2	0
20	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	597	14
2	Mercedes	289	0
3	Ferrari	265	1
4	Aston Martin	217	0
5	McLaren	139	0
6	Alpine	81	0
7	Williams	21	0
8	Haas	12	0
9	Alfa Romeo	10	0
10	AlphaTauri	5	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	107,455	15
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	86,431	18
3	Kodai Naraoka	81,315	22
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	79,778	16
5	Jonatan Christie	78,171	17
6	Shi Yu Qi	76,024	20
7	Prannoy H. S.	72,437	20
8	Li Shi Feng	71,748	22
9	Loh Kean Yew	71,062	22
10	Anders Antonsen	64,510	16
11	Lu Guang Zu	61,860	20
12	Kenta Nishimoto	60,507	24
13	Chou Tien Chen	60,317	23
14	Lakshya Sen	59,581	21
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	58,341	23

Top Indians

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 7

Lakshya Sen
Rank 14

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	110,514	16
2	Akane Yamaguchi	100,717	18
3	Chen Yu Fei	92,296	15
4	Tai Tzu Ying	88,486	15
5	He Bing Jiao	83,274	17
6	Carolina Marin	80,870	18
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	68,341	22
8	Ratchanok Intanon	67,623	18
9	Han Yue	64,108	23
10	Beiwen Zhang	60,710	23
11	Wang Zhi Yi	59,390	18
12	Pornpawee Chochuwong	55,729	22
13	Zhang Yi Man	53,874	21
14	Mia Blichfeldt	51,959	20
15	P.V. Sindhu	51,770	18

Top Indians

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 15

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 40

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	857	898
2	Shubman Gill	814	814
3	Rassie van der Dussen	743	796
4	Imam-ul-Haq	728	815
5	Harry Tector	726	726
6	David Warner	720	880
7	Quinton de Kock	714	813
8	Virat Kohli	708	911
9	Heinrich Klaasen	698	709
10	Rohit Sharma	696	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	694	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	678	733
3	Trent Boult	677	775
4	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	657	712
5	Rashid Khan	655	806
6	Mitchell Starc	652	783
7	Matt Henry	645	691
8	Adam Zampa	642	670
9	Kuldeep Yadav	638	765
10	Shaheen Afridi	632	688

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	889	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
3	Aiden Markram	756	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	702	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	692	716
7	Dawid Malan	691	915
8	Jos Buttler	666	674
9	Aaron Finch	660	900
10	Reeza Hendricks	657	661

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
3	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
4	Adil Rashid	679	746
5	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
7	Josh Hazlewood	670	806
8	Sam Curran	659	688
9	Adam Zampa	657	743
10	Akeal Hosein	655	681

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Fast bikes, wild rides, brave guys: here's the MotoGP cheatsheet

The demands of MotoGP bikes are vastly different from those of F1 cars. So the track needs some modifications. These include reducing the asphalt run-off and increasing gravel, and installing safety barriers

The inaugural Grand Prix of India gets underway at the Buddh International Circuit this weekend. What can you expect from the premier championship for two-wheelers? We have you covered

S. Dipak Ragav

In 2011, India announced itself on the world motorsport stage when it hosted the Formula One Indian Grand Prix, the pinnacle of four-wheeler racing.

Ten years since the last F1 race in 2013, the Buddh International Circuit is set to host the premier championship for two-wheelers this weekend: the inaugural MotoGP Grand Prix of India.

The Hindu gives you the lowdown on everything you need to know about the sport and what to expect this weekend.

What is MotoGP?

Although the term 'MotoGP' is relatively new – it was coined only in 2002 – it refers more generally to the Grand Prix motorcycling championship. The history of the series goes back several decades. The first world championship was held in 1949, a year before the F1 championship started. Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), the governing body for two-wheeler racing, sanctions the championship. Dorna Sports is the commercial rights holder.

MotoGP bikes are bespoke machines built for the explicit purpose of racing around a circuit and are not road-legal

In that first year, there were four classes of bikes, based on engine capacity: 125cc, 250cc, 350cc and 500cc. Since then, there have been 50cc and 80cc classes at the lower levels, while the 500cc was the premier class and the precursor to the current MotoGP. There was also a 750cc class in the 1970s for a brief while.

In 2002, the premier class became MotoGP, with 990cc four-stroke bikes. The machines became smaller between 2007 and 2011, down to 800cc, before changing to 1000cc in 2012, which continues to date.

Alongside MotoGP, every weekend also sees racing at the lower levels in Moto2 (765cc) and Moto3 categories (250cc), much like Formula 2 and Formula 3. This year, a new MotoE category for electric bikes, which had begun in 2019, got championship status.

Who makes the bikes? Can they be ridden on the streets?

MotoGP bikes are bespoke machines built for the explicit purpose of racing around a circuit and are not road-legal. The bikes are manufactured by some of the best known names in the automotive world, such as Honda, Yamaha, KTM, Ducati and Aprilia. Other big names in the sport's past include Suzuki, Kawasaki and MV Agusta.

Which drivers and teams are on the grid this season?

The grid has 11 teams, each fielding two riders. The teams are either factory teams or satellite teams. Factory teams are owned and operated by the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM). On the current grid, Honda, Yamaha, Ducati, Aprilia and KTM are the five factory teams.

Some of the star names include Marc Marquez, the six-time champion who rides for Honda, reigning champion Francesco Bagnaia, who is with the Ducati factory team, and 2021 champion Fabio Quartararo, who is leading Yamaha's charge.

Apart from the five factory-owned teams, there are satellite or independent teams which can buy a bike from one of the manufacturers and run it on their own, hiring mechanics and riders. Satellite teams can buy a factory team's latest-spec bike or a year-old bike. For example, on the current grid, the Prima Pramac Racing team uses the latest bike from Ducati, while the Mooney VR46 Racing Team uses the 2022 Ducati bike.

How does the weekend unfold?

MotoGP follows a similar format to most motorsport series: practice sessions on Fridays, qualifying on Saturdays, and the race on Sundays. From 2023, MotoGP introduced Sprint Races at all weekends on Saturday, with the distance being 50% of the main race.

On Friday, there are two practice sessions, the first a 45-minute session called Free Practice-1 followed by a 60-minute session called Practice.

After a 30-minute Free Practice session on Saturday morning, qualifying will be held over two segments of 15 minutes each: Q1 and Q2. The qualifying results will set the grid for Saturday's Sprint Race and Sunday's main event.

The top ten riders from Friday's Practice session get a direct entry into Q2, while the remaining riders will have to fight it out in Q1. The two fastest riders in Q1 will move into Q2, while the other riders will fill the grid slots from 13th, based on their fastest times.

The 12 riders in Q2 will then compete for pole position, and the results will determine who occupies the grid's first four rows. MotoGP has three riders in staggered positions on each row. Sunday's race spans 40-45 minutes, with a distance of 100-130 km depending on circuit length.

For example, there will be 24 laps of the 4.9-kilometre Buddh International Circuit.

Can an F1 circuit host bike races? Does the track need modifications?

Although the Buddh International Circuit was built mainly for F1, it was also envisioned as a track capable of hosting motorbike racing. In fact, in 2016, a round of the Asian Road Racing Championship was held at the venue.

However, the demands of MotoGP bikes are vastly different from those of ARRC or F1 cars, and some sections of the track had to be modified.

For the last few months, extensive resurfacing work has been undertaken to make it safe for both bikes and cars. More importantly, the asphalt run-off has been reduced and the gravel increased. Gravel traps reduce the bike's speed if a rider goes off-track, making it safer.

Other features include Type A Air Fences, Type A Foam Safety Barriers and Type C Foam Barriers, imported from Austria and Italy, which will be installed at high impact zones (corners). Similarly, boundary fences at the last corner had to be pushed back to reduce the impact of potential crashes. The MotoGP layout will also have two fewer corners: turns six and seven have been made into a small straight, the riders will take the inner loop at the parabola section.

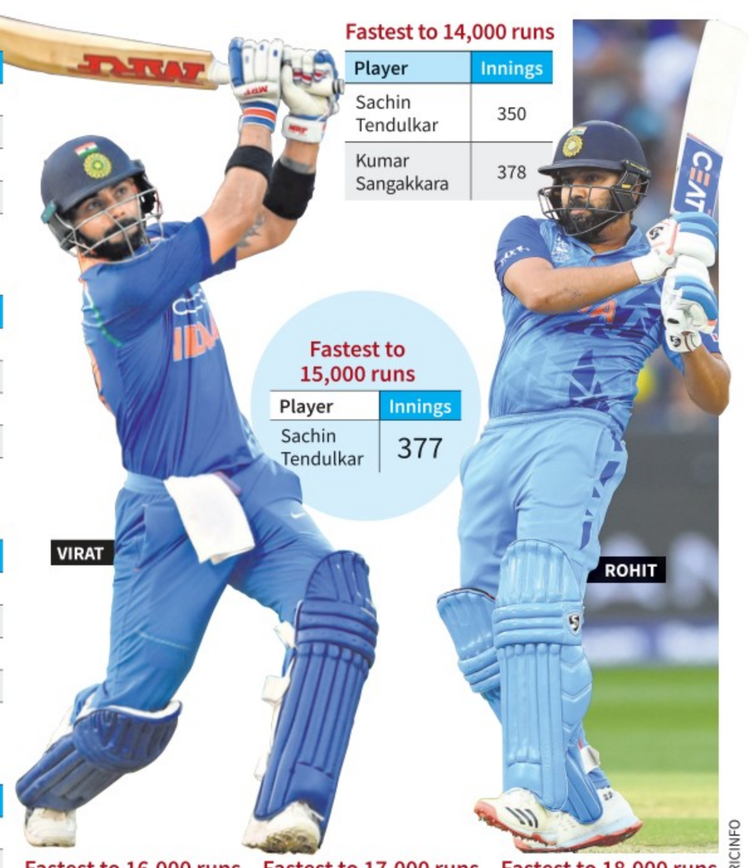
What logistical challenges did the Grand Prix of India face?

It is always a big challenge to hold a motorsport event in the country, considering it involves thousands of people and tonnes of cargo equipment getting in and out. MotoGP did not have a smooth start to the weekend, with many team personnel, riders and journalists not getting their visas on time, and some even missing their flights. Marquez – the biggest name in the sport currently – was one such rider forced to miss his flight on Tuesday as he had not received his visa in time. He reached the country only on Thursday.

GAME THEORY

ODI batting giants: fastest to five figures

During the recent Asia Cup, Virat Kohli scaled the 13,000-run peak in One Day International cricket and Rohit Sharma breached the 10,000-run mark. It's a good time then to take a look at the fastest batters, in terms of ODI innings, to the five-figure benchmarks, from 10k to 18k



Fastest to 10,000 runs

Player	Innings
Virat Kohli	205
Rohit Sharma	241
Sachin Tendulkar	259
Sourav Ganguly	263
Ricky Ponting	266

Fastest to 11,000 runs

Player	Innings
Virat Kohli	222
Sachin Tendulkar	276
Ricky Ponting	286
Sourav Ganguly	288
Jacques Kallis	293

Fastest to 12,000 runs

Player	Innings
Virat Kohli	242
Sachin Tendulkar	300
Ricky Ponting	314
Kumar Sangakkara	336
Sanath Jayasuriya	379

Fastest to 13,000 runs

Player	Innings
Virat Kohli	267
Sachin Tendulkar	321
Ricky Ponting	341
Kumar Sangakkara	363
Sanath Jayasuriya	416

Fastest to 14,000 runs

Player	Innings
Sachin Tendulkar	350
Kumar Sangakkara	378

Fastest to 15,000 runs

Player	Innings
Sachin Tendulkar	377

Fastest to 16,000 runs

Player	Innings
Sachin Tendulkar	399

Fastest to 17,000 runs

Player	Innings
Sachin Tendulkar	424

Fastest to 18,000 runs

Player	Innings
Sachin Tendulkar	440

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Heat wave

Don't let the charming image of competitors running across the Sydney Harbour Bridge lull you into thinking this was a pleasant day's running. The Sydney Marathon was decidedly taxing.

With a sweltering heat wave taking a toll on runners on Sunday, 26 people had to be taken to the hospital and about 40 treated for heat exhaustion by emergency services.

There were significant concerns leading up to the race, given the relatively late start of 7:10 a.m. This meant that many runners would not finish until after noon and would have to face the brunt of the soaring temperatures, which had been building in the country's outback interior.

With so many runners affected and several others complaining about the organisation, it was not a good look for Australia's biggest-ever marathon.

More than 17,000 runners took part, more than doubling the 8,100 who turned up for the previous biggest, held in Melbourne in 2019.

USA's Betsy Saina held off a late challenge from Ethiopia's Rahma Tusa to take the women's title.

Morocco's Othmane El Goumri claimed the men's race win.

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Speeding, lack of pedestrian facilities make KIA expressway a deadly stretch

Jakkur Flyover has emerged as one of the notorious spots on the stretch with 27 accidents and 18 fatalities reported during the 2020-22 period

ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS

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It was around 1.50 a.m. of July 3 when N. Suresh, 40, a police constable with the Devanahalli station, who was on night rounds on the elevated expressway to Kempegowda International Airport, saw an SUV parked in the middle of the road after it had met with an accident. As Suresh was checking the SUV, a speeding car from the opposite direction lost control, hit the median, crossed over and collided with the accident-hit SUV, killing Suresh and another passenger in the car. The car had six people on a joyride, and the driver was allegedly drunk and speeding.

The KIA expressway has turned out to be one of the deadliest stretches in the city. Bengaluru City Traffic Police have identified 8 accident black spots on the road, of which Jakkur Flyover has emerged as one of the deadliest spots with 27 accidents and 18 fatalities reported during the 2020-22 period.

"Most of the accidents on this stretch occur during night and early morning when the traffic is less and speeding is rampant," said Sachin Ghorpade, DCP (Traffic-North). While there is confusion even among the traffic police on the maximum speed limit on the expressway, whether it is 80 kmph or 100 kmph, those limits are often violated on the stretch. "In many fatal accidents on the stretch, we find vehicles zooming past at over 120-140 kmph," said a senior traffic police official.

People crossing the road at Kadiganahalli Gate on airport road in Bengaluru. The number of pedestrian deaths on the expressway to KIA is also abnormally high. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Accident data between 2020 and 2022

Accident-prone spots	No. of accidents				No. of fatal accidents				No. of grievous injuries			
	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total
On Jakkur Flyover	5	11	11	27	6	5	7	18	3	8	8	19
Near Coffee Day	4	6	3	13	3	4	1	8	1	4	2	7
Palanahalli Gate	2	2	4	8	1	0	3	4	1	2	1	4
IAF, Yelahanka	4	6	6	16	3	3	3	9	1	9	3	13
Hunasamaranahalli	3	6	1	10	15	3	1	5	2	5	0	7
MVIT	2	4	2	8	1	1	0	2	13	3	2	6
Kadiganahalli Gate	5	0	1	6	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	4
Kannamangalapalya Gate	5	7	5	17	1	1	1	3	4	8	4	16

Interventions suggested

On Jakkur Flyover
ITMS cameras to enforce speed limits and speed display boards

Near Coffee Day
ITMS cameras to enforce speed limit and speed display boards

Palanahalli Gate
Rumble strips and railings

IAF, Yelahanka
Rumble strips and railings

Hunasamaranahalli
Rumble strips

MVIT
Rumble strips and skywalk

Kadiganahalli Gate
Skywalk

Kannamangalapalya Gate
Rumble strips, solar blinkers, Cat-eye reflectors hazard boards, and skywalk

A risky proposition

Chikkathimmaiah, a farmer who grows greens and vegetables in Devanahalli, drives a mini-van to K.R. Market every morning to sell his produce. He said driving a slow-moving vehicle on the tolled-expressway during morning hours is a nightmare.

N. Ashok Kumar, a cab driver who drives regularly to Kempegowda International Airport during late night and wee hours, said lack of enforcement of speed limit was one of the biggest problems they faced on the stretch. "Most vehicles do not adhere to speed limits on the stretch. As SUVs and even bikes zoom past, many on joy rides, many drivers drunk, especially during weekends, every trip to the airport is a risk. Moreover, in the late night and early morning hours, chances of drivers feeling sleepy and their reflexes being low are also high," he said.

Being one of the finest highways within the city and the fact that it leads to Nandi Hills, the stretch is plagued by joyrides both in bikes and high-end cars.

Patrolling

Patrolling the expressway has itself turned fatal. Unlike other highways, there are no highway patrols on this stretch. "We have decided to go for contactless enforcement on the stretch. That is the only feasible option. We have proposed to put four Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) cameras which will flag speeding vehicles and generate challans. We will also put up digital speed display boards along the highway to act as warning systems for speeding vehicles," said M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru.

Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have also suggested installing rumble strips at five junctions identified as traffic bottlenecks - Palanahalli Gate, Indian Air Force - Yelahanka junction, Hunasamaranahalli junction, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology (MVIT) circle and Kannamangala Palya Gate - to reduce the speed of vehicles.

Pedestrian deaths

The number of pedestrian deaths on the expressway are also abnormally high, given that there are no adequate user-friendly pedestrian facilities for those living in villages along the highway.

Though the main carriageway of the highway has been barricaded on either side on the service road, villagers jumping over them to cross the highway is a common sight during early morning and evening peak hours.

BTP has recommended for skywalks at three accident black spots on the stretch - MVIT Circle, Kadiganahalli Gate and Kannamangala Palya Gate. Meanwhile, two skywalks have already been built at CyteCare Hospital junction and Indian Air Force Base junction in Yelahanka, which has reduced pedestrian accidents.

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Son of private varsity V-C among two killed in bike accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two youths, including the son of the Vice-Chancellor of a private university, were killed in an accident on Friday in Yeshwantpur.

The deceased have been identified as Nikhil, 23, and his friend Manmohan, 31.

Birthday

Nikhil, who was doing his MBA at a private college, celebrated his birthday with his family, cutting a cake at midnight at his house after which he left with Manmohan to M.G. Road for a party with his friends.

Around 3.30 a.m. on Friday, they were returning home on Nikhil's high-end sports bike which he was riding. Both were not wearing helmet and were speeding, the police said.

Both sustained severe head injuries and were killed on the spot

As Nikhil was trying to take a turn near Yeshwantpur flyover, he lost control and rammed into an electric pole. As the speed of the bike was high, the impact of the collision was severe and both of them were thrown up in the air and came crashing down on the ground a few metres away. Both sustained severe head injuries and were killed on the spot.

"We are awaiting the autopsy report to see whether the bike rider was drunk," a senior official said. Autopsies were conducted at a private hospital and the bodies were handed over to the families.

'Diplomatic spat won't impact Indian students in Canada'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's suspension of visa for Canadians will not impact students travelling from Canada to India, says V-C of York University

The diplomatic spat between India and Canada will not impact collaborations and partnership in the field of university education between these two countries, and won't have any impact on Indian students studying in Canadian Universities, said Rhonda L. Lenton, president and Vice-Chancellor, York University, in Toronto, Canada.

"The row between India and Canada won't expose Indian students to any kind of security risk or difficulties as Canadian Universities always offer secured, culturally inclusive and international education," she said, responding to a media query on the possible impact of the current stand-off between India and Canada on Indian students studying in Canadian Universities.

"I am in touch with them regularly. Ours is an inclusive diverse university. I am confident that we are committed to providing support to Indian students on our campus," she added. Prof. Lenton, who is on a five-city tour in India to explore and deepen collaborations between like-minded universities and attract Indian students to York University, said it was important for universities globally to collaborate and work together for the benefit of education and research activities irrespective of the political situations. She said India's suspension of visa for Canadians would not impact students travelling from Canada to India as they won't fall under the standard visa category.

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Student found dead in apartment complex

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A 17-year-old II PU student allegedly jumped to death from the 13th floor of an apartment complex on Mysuru Road on Thursday.

The victim was living with her mother in Nagarabhavi. She walked into an apartment complex opposite BHEL on Mysuru Road by telling the security personnel that she was visiting one of her friends. However, she went to the 13th floor and fell to her death. According to the police, the girl had attempted to end her life a week earlier too. She had left home and gone to Dharmasthala and tried to end her life by jumping into the Nethravathi river. However, she was saved, counselled by an old man, and sent home. After she returned home, she had mostly kept to herself, but ended her life on Thursday, the police said. They said there was no clarity yet on what led the girl to take the extreme step.

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Tilla's 'Painted Forest' wallpapers

Aratrik Dev Varman's latest collab, launched at the AD Design Show 2023, features hand-drawn botanical patterns inspired from the time he spent in the lush environs of Chennai's Amethyst cafe, says **Surya Praphulla Kumar**

Aratrik Dev Varman is many things: founder of Tilla, the Ahmedabad-based design studio; an advocate of handmade Indian textiles and traditional craft; and a cross-disciplinary designer who believes "good design can be useful in more than one context if adapted well".

But when I get him on the telephone a day ahead of his AD Design Show debut, where he's launching Painted Forest, his first wallpaper collab with Nilaya by Asian Paints, he likens himself to a tortoise. "Once I start something, I keep at it slowly and steadily; nothing has ever really gone out the window or stopped."

The truth of his words lies in the source of his inspiration for Painted Forest – Tilla's The Wild Garden Project, which started all the way across the country in 2016, at Chennai's Amethyst's Wild Garden Cafe. "There was no fixed project in mind at the time. I loved the garden and I sketched there with my friend and illustrator Jisha Unnikrishnan," says Varman, 43. "When we showed our drawings to Kiran [Rao, the owner of Amethyst], she said, 'Why don't I commission some wallpapers from you,' and the first monochromatic Wild Garden Panorama was born."

In a sense, this is also the story of how a design evolves. A year or so later, Tilla did an iteration in colour and expanded it to a collection of notebooks and art prints, then printed it on textiles and made cushion covers and drapes. "We reinterpreted it slightly every time, for each different medium, and it grew into a project of its own [called The Wild Garden Project as an homage to Amethyst]. But the theme remained true to the original intention. It stayed botanical, and the style of drawing and colouring was always naturalistic."

Aratrik Dev Varman

The patterns are all hand-drawn and coloured using a range of mediums such as watercolour, gouache, mixed media, and pencil, and then digitally printed

Plants and trees

The collection of nine prints is part real and part fantasy.

"To the lush, tropical panorama set against a gentle monsoon sky, Jisha added plants and trees from her childhood in Kerala, like the traveller's palm, the frangipani and the jackfruit, and the *saptaparni* from Ahmedabad. We also added animals and birds like the *langurs* that frequent our studio. Kiran suggested the storks because we have a pond in our drawings."

While Nilaya approached them on the basis of The Wild Garden Project, Varman decided to go all in by experimenting with the form, too.

"A layer that we added in the Painted Forest that wasn't there earlier was global references, from the magnificent dreamscapes of Henri Rousseau to Japanese wood block printing. There's a series inspired by French Toile de Jouy textiles, where we painted individual vignettes of traveller's palms and jackfruit trees with *langurs* creeping out from behind them, and placed them more like clouds in the sky."

There's also references to the famous Martinique design of the 1940s, which is a lush banana leaf pattern. "We thought, why not do our version of the Martinique?" says Varman with a laugh.

"And for the Japanese woodcut series, we treated the fan palm in that style."

But through it all, they never succumbed to stylising anything. The patterns are all hand-drawn and coloured using a range of mediums such as watercolour, gouache, mixed media, and pencil, and then digitally printed.

"It's been four months in the making, from assembling the drawings, testing them for scale, overcoming constraints of paper types and sizes, and setting repeats, to printing it. We are offering them as 90-foot-long rolls," he says, adding that Asian Paints, with their expertise in production and distribution, has helped Tilla industrialise a product that started off as a hand-painted studio product.

But the Painted Forest may not end up just on walls. Varman believes good design is versatile, and many of his earlier work, including installations such as *7 Indian Trees* (artwork showcasing the silhouettes of trees ubiquitous to the Indian landscape such as *neem*, *gulmohar* and mango) have crossed over into other interpretations.

A lot of the line drawings from The Wild Garden Panorama from Amethyst, for instance, were printed in gold on silk and made into jackets and other garments.

"When we talk about introducing efficiency into the design process, all of this ties in with the newer philosophies that people have been talking about, such as slow design.

It would be a shame not to make the most of something you have," says Varman, who is currently in the midst of finishing another cross disciplinary project – bringing his prints to a dinner set.

"If it has the potential, why not diversify it, adapt it?"

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Sub-registrar offices to function from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to handle surge in applications

The timings are applicable till Sept. 30; new revised guidance value (25% to 30% higher than the existing rate) will come into effect from October 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the State government announced that the new revised guidance value - an average 25% to 30% higher than the existing rates - will come into effect from October 1, the number of online applications being filed for registering properties before September 30 have shot up exponentially.

To accommodate this surge in the number of applications, the Department of Stamps and Registration has decided to open sub-registrar offices across the State from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. At present, sub-registrar offices function between 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The order also states that sub-registrar offices will function as usual from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on September 23, fourth Saturday of the month, which is usually a government holiday.

Sub-registrar offices will function as usual from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on September 23, fourth Saturday of the month. FILE PHOTO

"As per rules, we need to collect the stamp duty as per the date of registration of the property deal and not the date of the application being filed. If we do not work towards ensuring all applications being made seeking a slot for property registration now before September 30, the new guidance value will apply and the stamp duty will be levied as per the new rates. So we have decided to work for extra hours and provide this window to clear all pending applications seeking a slot before September 30," a senior official from the Department of Stamps and Registration said.

The official said while the data of incoming applications has not been centrally collated yet, it could be said that there has been a surge and if sub-registrar offices do not work extra hours, it is highly unlikely that all of them can be cleared before September 30.

The last time the guidance value of properties was revised was in 2018, which came into effect from January 1, 2019. While it had been a common practice to revise guidance value every year, it was not done as the real estate market took a hit due to the pandemic in the following years.

In fact, the State government had given a 10% rebate for guidance value for two 3-month intervals in 2022 to boost property registrations. During these intervals too, the sub-registrar office worked overtime to cater to the surge in demand.

Former Congress councillors to meet Dy. CM over BBMP elections

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Former Congress councillors will be meeting Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy to press the State government to hold polls for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which has no elected body for the last three years.

The former councilors are planning to meet the leaders after the government issues the final notification on delimitation. Sources in the government say that final notification is likely to be issued within a week.

Former councillor Abdul Wajid told *The Hindu*, "We will be meeting Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Reddy to draw their attention to holding the polls. After the final notification is issued, the government can immediately complete reservations and hold polls in December."

Mr. Reddy, who heads Congress's internal BBMP election committee, has been maintaining that the government intends to hold polls in December. However, sources say that it all depends on whether delimitation can smoothly pass through the judiciary without being challenged. The government also has a challenge of preparing ward-wise reservation. The High Court in 2022 quashed the reservation notification issued by the then government. In December, 2022, the Supreme Court had granted three months time for the commission constituted on the direction of the HC pertaining to OBC and political reservation to submit the report.

Sources said Congress councillors are keen on BBMP polls, but the government's intent is not clear yet. A former councillor said with the cumbersome process involved, it looks like BBMP polls may not happen until the Lok Sabha elections.

The then BJP government, which was not keen on holding elections, also had the backing of some Congress MLAs from Bengaluru, who think they may lose grip over the civic body if an elected body is installed, the councillor alleged.

IIIT-Bangalore gets 'Green University Award 2023'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-Bangalore) has been awarded the 'Green University Award 2023' during the seventh NYC Green School Conference held in New York.

The award was received by Udaya Hegde, a Governing Body Member and Alumni of IIIT-Bangalore, on behalf of the entire IIIT-Bangalore campus community.

Debabrata Das, Director, IIIT-Bangalore, said "IIIT-Bangalore's sustainability initiatives extend beyond the campus, as we encourage the student community in green initiatives such as tree planting campaigns, marathons to promote environmental conservation and to donate their used apparel and footwear to those in need."

The nine-acre campus, home to over 1,500 students, faculty, staff, and others, boasts an expansive 41% green space. It comprises 487 trees of 60 species, ponds, and other vegetation which nurture a teeming biodiversity.

The campus has been designed to maximise natural light and reduce the need for artificial lighting and fans.

The institute harnesses solar power to meet 40% of its energy needs, with a 500 KVA solar plant producing approximately 0.7 million KWH of solar power annually.

The campus also recycles 55,000 kilo litres of wastewater annually.

IAS officers transferred

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday transferred two IAS officers and gave concurrent charge to one IAS officer.

According to a notification from the DPAR, Rajendra Cholan, Secretary to Deputy Chief Minister, Bengaluru, has been given the concurrent charge of Commissioner, Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority in place of Ramya S., who has been transferred and appointed as Zonal Commissioner, Bommanahalli Zone, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Sreevidya P.I. has been appointed as Additional Director, Fiscal Policy Institute, Finance Department, Bengaluru.

Corporate firms showing interest in procuring metro cards in bulk: BMRCL

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As the Namma Metro line expands its services within the city, large corporate companies located near the metro lines have started to approach Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) to bulk purchase metro cards for their employees.

In a bid to boost metro ridership, BMRCL is offering the opportunity for companies, industrial units, and IT Parks to acquire metro smart cards in bulk as part of a promotional initiative. These passes, to be utilised by company employees, will feature co-branding with both Namma Metro and the purchasing companies featured on these cards.

BMRCL officials revealed that a company has already been in talks to bulk purchase the cards. "A prominent private company in the city recently initiated discussions with BMRCL regarding the issuance of metro cards. We are still in talks on this. A few other companies have also evinced interest. This initiative stands to benefit not only BMRCL but also contribute to alleviating traffic congestion on city roads taking private transport offered by these corporate companies off the road. Furthermore, companies procuring these metro cards could encourage professionals and techies employed in diverse IT parks and firms to transition from personal vehicles to the public transportation system," a senior BMRCL official said.

BMRCL officials have said that a company is already in talks to bulk purchase the cards. FILE PHOTO

"We are considering offering bulk quantities of smart cards to corporate companies, who can then distribute these cards to their employees at no cost. The same standard discount rates currently applicable to smart card users will also apply to these cards," the official added.

The suggestion of giving the companies bulk metro cards was initially suggested by Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), during a meeting earlier this year. "We have also proposed to BMRCL, BMTC and DULT to come up with integrated pass which will allow an employee to use both BMTC and metro with one card, which will benefit the companies in the ORR," said Ramesh V.T., General Secretary of ORRCA.

Previously, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) also collaborated with IT parks and companies to boost the utilisation of their Vajra AC services by providing monthly passes in large quantities.

Nationwide workshop

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has initiated nationwide sensitisation workshops for gram panchayats across the country.

In an endeavour to ensure the effective implementation of government schemes in villages, BIS has undertaken a comprehensive initiative to sensitise gram panchayat presidents and secretaries.

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BENGALURU

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RISE	13:11	SET 00:00
SUNDAY, SEP. 24		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:15
RISE	14:10	SET 00:41
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RISE	06:09	SET 18:14
RISE	15:07	SET 01:45

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid.Night will be pleasant. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower..

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Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

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My client/s have negotiated to purchase Immovable Property bearing BBMP Khata No.819, 202/49/1//97-98, Property No. 40/1/97-98, **Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.5 (Jakkur),** carved out of **Survey No.40, Bellahalli Village,** which is Bounded on the East by : Portion of Land bearing Assessment No.40, West by : Portion of Land bearing Assessment No.40, belonging to Mr. Balu and Mrs. Manjula, North by : Property of Mr. Syed Haneef, Mr. Syed Malik & Syed Malang, South by : Road and measuring on the East : 147 Feet, West : 152, North 99 Feet, and South 99 Feet. Total site area **14800 Square Feet** with 8 square building, from **Ms. Deepti,** D/o. Mr. Premchandra.

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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, PETAPATI Seshumamba, residing at 2C014, Shilpitha Splendour, Mahadevpura, Blore– 48, changed my name to Maddula Seshumamba vide affidavit Dtd: 20–Sep–23 Sworn before Notary M. Deepa, Blore

I, PRACHI Jain, D/o Vinod Kumar, R/a No.266, Jain Temple Road, OPH Road, Next Jain Temple, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051 have changed my name from Prachi Sanghvi to Prachi Jain vide affidavit dt: 14.09.2023 sworn before Notary Samuel Solomon, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 25222/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B.
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Sendhil Kumar S.
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Sendhil Kumar S. S/o Marimuttu Shankar, Aged about 36 years, R/at No. 40, 14/1, Srirama Nivasa Nilaya, Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road, Behind Karnataka Bank, Uttarahalli Road, Subramanyapura, Bangalore- 560 061

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 13,77,169/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine Only)** together with interest @11.99% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13TH Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **10.11.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this**16.09.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNAPPA Prakash, R/a No.488, 4th Cross, Near Bandi Bankalamma Temple, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103 have changed my name to Bellandur Krishnappa Prakash vide affidavit dt: 22.09.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, MANJUNATHA Narayana Reddy, R/a No.19, M.S.Shelters, Rayal Sunny Villas, Kammasandra, Agrahara, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural - 562106 have changed my name to Manjunath Narayana Reddy vide affidavit dt: 14.09.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 22) O.S. No. 25090/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B.
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Chiranjit Malakar
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Chiranjit Malakar,
S/o. Sri Ranjit Malakar,
Aged about 32 years,
R/at No. 4256, 2nd Stage, 65th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore- 560 078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 4,91,402/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Two Only)** together with interest @ 10.99% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **13/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **16/09/2023.**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANGI Lal, R/a No.129, 6th Cross, 10th A Main Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560038 have changed my name to Mangilal Nahta vide affidavit dt: 14.09.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, MAH Jabeen Taj, W/o Sharif Gaffar, R/a No.13/5, 3rd Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 have changed my name to Jabeen Taj vide affidavit dt: 21.09.2023 sworn before Notary Bhagya Kumari N, B'lore.

I, JAYANTHI G (Old Name) D/o R Gopalrao, residing at SR-102, Canopy Crest Irs, Kogilu Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my Name from Jayanthi G (Old Name) to Jayanthi Gopalrao (New Name) vide affidavit dated 21.09.2023 sworn before Notary Leela, Bengaluru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-86) COMM.O.S. NO. 887/2023 Hg. 30/10/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Corporate & Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and branch office at Mythree Center, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Smt. Anuradha & Another
...Defendants

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C.
To,
Summons to Defendant No.1 & 2
D1. Smt. Anuradha,
W/o Sri. Arvind Srinivas, Aged about 38 years, No.181, 5th Cross, 7th Main, MU Garden, Ulsoor, Bangalore North, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560068
D2. Sri. Arvind Srinivas,
S/o Sri. Venkataiah, Aged about 42 years, No.181, 5th Cross, 7th Main, MU Garden, Ulsoor, Bangalore North, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560068

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.11,56,222/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two Only) together with interest thereon at the rate 18% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **30/10/2023** at **11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **19/09/2023.**

BY ORDER OF COURT
CITY CIVIL COURT,
BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE 82nd ADDL. CC & SJ COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH- 83) COMM. O.S. No. 886/2023 Hg. 25-10-2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Corporate & Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and branch office at Mythree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri Sanath Kumar
...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C.
Summons to Defendant
Sri Sanath Kumar,
S/o. Sri Krishna,
Aged about 39 years,
No. 20, Santosh Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Near Venkateswar Theatre, KR Puram, Bangalore- 560 036

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,09,110/- (Rupees Four Lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Ten Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate 18% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **25.10. 2023** at **11:00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **14-09-2023.**

By Order of Court
City Civil Court,
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ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
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BJP formally welcomes JD(S) into NDA fold ahead of LS polls

Seat sharing between the parties will be decided at an 'auspicious time' after Dasara, says HDK

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Setting in motion a new political equation in Karnataka ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP on Friday formally welcomed the Janata Dal (Secular) headed by the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda into the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) front.

Though the seat sharing agreement between the two parties for the 28 seats will be arrived at after Dasara festivities, speculation is that the JD(S) could get between four and six seats out of 11 seats in the Old Mysore region where it has a strong presence.

The two parties are coming together formally nearly 16 years after the earlier one, when a coalition government forged by the two parties in Karnataka ended on a bitter note when the JD(S) refused to transfer power to the BJP as per the 20-20 agreement.

JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy with BJP national president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Friday.

Meeting at Shah's house

While locally the alliance ahead of 2024 polls had been spoken about over the past fortnight, it was the first acknowledgement by the saffron party nationally on Friday. The announcement came from BJP national president J.P. Nadda on Friday after he and Union Home Minister Amit Shah met JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy at the residence of Mr. Shah in Delhi.

"Met Former Chief Minister of Karnataka and JD (S) leader Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy in the presence of our senior leader and Home Minister Amit Shah Ji. I am happy that JD(S) has decided to be the part of National Democratic Alliance. We wholeheartedly welcome them in the NDA. This will further strengthen NDA and vision of Hon PM Narendra Modi Ji for New India, Strong India," Mr. Nadda announced on Friday on social media platform X.

Later, Mr. Shah also posted on X welcoming the JD(S) to NDA. The announcement was welcomed by several State BJP leaders, including the two former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawanth, who is learnt to have played an important role in bringing the JD(S) to the NDA front, was also present at the meeting. Mr. Kumaraswamy was accompanied by his son and JD(S) youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy, and former Rajya Sabha member Kupendra Reddy.

Expressing satisfaction over the outcome of the meeting, Mr. Kumaraswamy said that the seat sharing would be decided at an "auspicious time" after Dasara. "Mutual trust and confidence was expressed in the meeting. It is important for the alliance to win all 28 seats. I have also suggested that the BJP Central leaders speak to their State leaders and a meeting of leaders of both parties should be convened to achieve coordination," he said, describing it as a "long-term alliance."

To upset Cong. hopes

The alliance, according to political observers, could throw a spanner in the Congress's calculation for the crucial parliamentary polls, if the cadre of both parties coordinate well on ground. In 2019, the BJP wrested eight of the 11 seats when the JD(S) and the Congress had contested as an alliance, which was resented by the cadre. Of the other three seats, one each was won by the JD(S), the Congress, and a BJP-backed Independent.

However, the Congress returning with a good performance in Old Mysore region in the recently-held Assembly polls "forced" the BJP and the JD(S), which were speculated to have had an informal arrangement in 2018, to formalise the alliance, said party sources. While the JD (S) faced threat of split, the BJP is yet to resolve its leadership issue and has not announced a Leader of the Opposition yet.

Formulate scheme to allow all authorised registration plate manufacturers to fix HSRP on old vehicles, HC tells State govt.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to formulate and publish a scheme within 15 days to ensure that vehicle manufacturers grant approval across the board to all the High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) manufacturers possessing Type Approval Certificate (TAC) to fix HSRPs to all the old vehicles registered before April 1, 2019, in Karnataka.

The government's August 17 notification had left it to the discretion of the vehicle manufacturers to fix HSRPs only through their dealers by procuring the registration plates from TAC possessing HSRP manufacturers of their choice.

Justice B.M. Shyam Prasad issued the interim directions on the petitions filed by HSRP Manufacturers' Association of India and some of the individual HSRP manufacturing firms possessing TAC.

The petitioners had alleged that the August 17 notification was issued to allow only the 'influential' HSRP manufacturers, who have tied up with vehicle manufacturers and their authorised dealers for supply of HSRP for the new vehicles, even for the old vehicles, and thereby denying opportunity for all other HSRP manufacturers possessing TAC from the government's certifying agencies.

The court did not think it appropriate to stay the August 17 notification itself, primarily because it would impact the process of fixation of HSRP to around two crore old vehicles registered prior to April 1, 2019, in the State as HSRP scheme is aimed at reducing vehicle-borne crimes, identification of all vehicles plying on the road and in prevention of tampering and counterfeiting.

"While considering the prayer for stay of the operation of the impugned notification, if on one hand the reasons for implementation of HSRP scheme is to be examined, on the other hand, this court must also ensure that the license plate manufacturers with appropriate authorisation are not completely excluded from the process of implementation of HSRP scheme for the old vehicles," the court observed.

Also, the court said that petitioners and similarly placed HSRP manufacturers possessing TAC must have reasonable opportunity to participate in the process of implementation of HSRP with the approval of the vehicle manufacturers subject to the outcome of the petitions.

Dynamic timeline

Meanwhile, the court also noted from the government's submissions that timeline of 90 days period (from August 18 to November 17) provided to fix HSRP for all the two crore old vehicles is dynamic, and the timeline could be revisited depending on the exigencies as they emerge.

Youth Dept. ties up with Rajkumar Academy for civil services coaching

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports on Thursday signed a pact with Dr. Rajkumar Academy to provide coaching across all civil services exams, including IAS and KAS. Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister B. Nagendra said the department signed the pact for providing coaching services for IAS and KAS examinations, free of cost.

Raghavendra Rajkumar, son of the late actor Rajkumar, and Vice-Chancellors of various universities attended the programme.

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No.KPCL/2023-24/PM/WORK_INDENT706 Dated: 19.09.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders through e-Procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in are invited for the work of **"Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of CNC Turning Centre Lathe Machine at YTPS".** from the Contractor/agencies that are reputed individuals/Company and having past experience for the above works at YTPS. Tender amount: **Rs. 94,70,562/-.** EMD: **Rs. 1,90,000/-.** Last date for submission of tender: **04.10.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Further details can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer (M-1), YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus -584 134 Raichur Dist . Mobile No: 9480682893

Govt. to allow adoption of 550 monuments by private sector

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To develop and promote tourism, the Karnataka government will now allow the private sector to adopt 550 monuments in the State while acting as a facilitator. This voluntary commitment by the private sector is expected to bring over ₹500 crore as investment to the tourism sector, announced Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism H.K. Patil on Friday during the curtain raiser of 'Dakshin Bharat Utsav', which will take place in Bengaluru from December 14 to 16.

He said the 550 monuments, which could be temples, churches, mosques, and other heritage places, will be available for adoption by the private sector to protect, conserve, and develop, and the government had come up with a plan. The programme will be launched on September 25.

Additional Chief Secretary of Tourism, Karnataka, Kapil Mohan said the southern States needed to come together to promote tourism as a whole. "Let us work together, bring about seamless integration of travel trade and tourism," he said.

FKCCI president B.V. Gopal Reddy said 'Dakshin Bharat Utsav' will showcase the rich cultural, historical heritage of South India.

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Eligibility	Registered Class I Bidders (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.1/1, Sambakulam, Madurai –625 007
Downloading Period	**27.09.2023** to **13.10.2023** upto **15.00** hours
EMD Payable	Online Mode through E-Tendering website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Pre Bid meeting	**04.10.2023** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**13.10.2023** before **15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**16.10.2023** at **15.30** hours through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value (Rs.in crore) (Excl. GST)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakhs)
	Operation and maintenance of the following CWSS including repair, rectification works and supply of chemicals for the period from 01.11.2023 to 31.03.2026		
05	9 nos. of CWSS in Virudhunagar District	Rs.59.20 crore	Rs.44.40 lakhs
12	28 nos. of CWSS in Dindigul District	Rs.25.00 crore	Rs.18.75 lakhs

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e-mail: splocaima21@gmail.com, Phone No.080-29565353/29604556

No. SPLOCA/ADM/06/2022-23 Date: 21.09.2023

NOTIFICATION

ವಿಷಯ: ವಿಶೇಷಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಐಎಂಎ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಕಂಪನಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು/ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

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Sl. No	Post	Qualification		Relevant Experience	No. of Post	Contract wage per Month
		Basic	Preference	Basic		
1	**FDA**	Bcom/ M CA	BE	5 Years of Office experience in Accounting Firm / Bank/ Law firm/ Government Agencies. Good knowledge of computers including Excel. Age not to exceed 40 years, knowledge of Kannada is must.	1	34,000/-
2	**Legal FDA**	Graduation + LLB & 1 Year at Bar	LLM & 2 Years at Bar		1	Rs. 25,000 + sitting fees in court (as per rules)
3	**Legal counsel/ Advisor**	LLB, Registered at BAR council of Karnataka	LLM, Registered at BAR council of Karnataka	Basic Advocate with 15 Years experience Registered at BAR council of High Court Karnataka. Preference - Legal Advisor and counsel to RBI/CBI/ED. Age not to exceed 60 years.	1	Based on qualification and experience upto Rs. 100,000/-

Post Name CA :

Sl. No.	Qualification/ requirements	Experience	Pay
1.	Individuals with CA and Certificate in Forensic Audit from ICAI & Experience in the field of financial analysis and forensic audit of related Companies/ Banks/Cooperatives. **Job Profile: 1.** Identifying Fund Trail, Tracking of banking transactions of fraudulent companies. **2.** Conducting audit, Transactional techniques & forensic using traditional audit and specialized forensic audit tools. **3.** Analysis of payer beneficiary details for bank transactions and identifying assets created out of the same. **4.** Collecting information from various Government agencies such as RBI, SEBI, ED, CBI, IT etc. **5.**Tracking fund transfers, analyzing cash transactions. **6.** Creating & validating database. **7.** Analyzing and vetting claims. **8.**Providing expert evidence in legal fora on payment per appearance fees as decided by SPLOCA.	Minimum- 5Years as CA and 1 Year as Forensic Auditor, with at least 2 cases of Forensic Audit Preferred- 10 Years as CA and 2 years as Forensic Auditor with at least 3 cases of forensic audit & Knowledge of Audit Software like IDEA Data Analysis, CaseWare Analytics AI. Age should not exceed 52 Years.	From Rs.125000/- to Rs. 2 Lakhs depending on experience in forensic audit.(Including Tax audit).

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State Cabinet recommends OBC tag for Kunchitiga community

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to recommend to the Central government the inclusion of the Kunchitiga community, a sub-caste of the Vokkaligas, in the Other Backward Classes (OBC) list for providing reservation to the community in jobs and seats in educational institutions.

Briefing on the Cabinet decisions, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the State Cabinet decided to fulfil the long-pending demand of the Kunchitiga community by recommending to the Centre for including the caste in the OBC list. All sub-sects of the Vokkaliga have been included in the OBC list of the Centre, except the Kunchitiga community, sources told *The Hindu*. The community has about nine lakh population and has presence in 37 taluks of 17 districts.

The Cabinet also made a minor change in the name of Kodava community. Instead of "Kodavaru", it has decided to rename it as "Kodava" in all government documents, Mr. Shivakumar said.

Following drought in 195 taluks in Karnataka, the Cabinet has decided to seek compensation of ₹4,860.13 crore as per the NDRF norms from the Centre for providing compensation to farmers who had lost crops, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil told reporters.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Suchi Ebrahim
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Faraz and Zara Ebrahim
Sagari and Shaila Bhale Rao
Mrs S M Ebrahim,
Niloufer Ebrahim, Aiysha Zafar, Akbar Ebrahim
Final rites - Sep 23 @ 11:30am
5 Stone Link Avenue
Greenways Road
Chennai 600028

A.R.NARASIMHAN (82), Retired Supervisor (Comp News), Composing Dept, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 21-09-2023. Address: Shreyas, E4, Mithun Gardens, Casa Grande Pavilion, Thalambur, Chennai -600130. Contact: 9841617889

C.V. RAMAMURTHY aged 91 years Fellow Member ICWA Institute passed away on 19th September @ Bangalore. He is survived by his wife Usha Ramamurthy & Children. Contact: 9900105700.

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From Page One

Karnataka to comply with CWRC order

Karnataka would provide the water level situation in the State reservoirs at the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) meeting on September 26. The CWMA endorsed the recommendation of the CWRC and ordered the release of 5,000 cusecs for 15 days. The CWMA meeting was held against the backdrop of Karnataka's refusal to comply with the CWRC's latest directive on September 12.

Karnataka has cited severe drought in parts of the State to not release water to Tamil Nadu. Already, the State has declared 195 taluks as drought-hit. Mr. Shivakumar said the State Advocate-General had briefed the Cabinet in detail about legal issues involved in the dispute. The government would comply with the order of the CWRC. At the same time, the government was committed to protecting the interest of farmers, he said.

The apex court on Thursday said it banked on the combined expertise of the CWRC and CWMA to manage the water-sharing. The Cabinet also decided to obtain all clearances, including the Centre's environmental clearance, to take up the Mekedatu reservoir project on the Cauvery at Kanakapura. The government has decided to submit all documents to the court and relevant authorities for seeking permission for the project, aimed at catering to the drinking water needs of Bengaluru city.

Cauvery dispute: Farmers' outfit calls for Mandya bandh today

Seer stresses on distress formula; wonders about fate of Bengaluru if water release is not stopped

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Mandya District Farmers' Struggle Committee has called for a bandh in the town on Saturday to oppose the release of Cauvery waters from the State reservoirs to Tamil Nadu.

Speaking on behalf of the struggle committee, farmers' leader Sunanda Jayaram told reporters in Mandya that the call for a dawn-to-dusk bandh had been given in the light of the Supreme Court's refusal to interfere in the decision of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).

Seer of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Nirmalanandanatha Swami with the protesting farmers in Mandya. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We are in no position to release 5,000 cusecs of water for another 15 days," she said, referring to the CWMA decision. "Hence, we have given a call for Mandya bandh to bring pressure on the State government."

The struggle committee, which has been on an indefinite protest in front of Visvesvaraya's statue in Mandya against the release of water to Tamil Nadu from KRS and Kabini reservoirs, has reached out to various organisations on the bandh call issue.

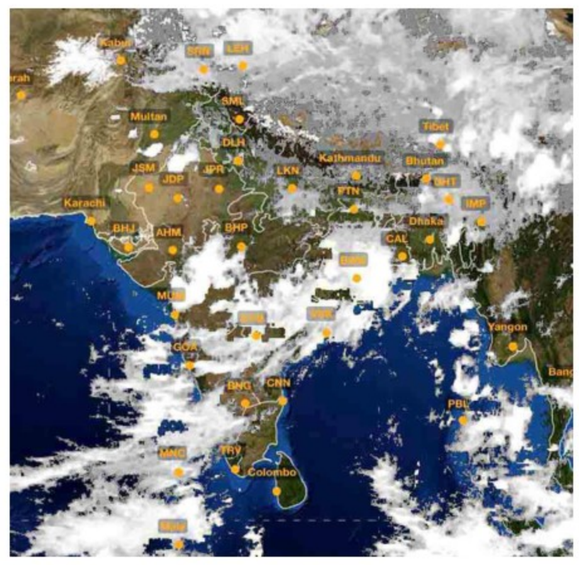
Seer extends support

Meanwhile, Nirmalanandanatha Swami of Adichunchanagiri Mutt turned up at the protest site to extend support to farmers of the region. Speaking to reporters, the seer emphasised the need for the State government to bring the facts of the dire situation in Karnataka to the notice of Supreme Court and work in the direction of coming up with a distress formula.

The seer also wondered how it would be possible to meet the drinking water requirements of Bengaluru if the authorities continued to release water from KRS. Hoping that the Centre would come to the State's rescue and the State to the rescue of farmers, Nirmalanandanatha Swami said he would not hesitate to contact the Union Water Resources Minister or the PM if it was inevitable.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, east Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, central Maharashtra, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	9.6	31.8	25.7	Kozhikode	0.1	33.4	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.8	26.2	Kurnool	3	31.0	25.3
Aizawl	2	32.0	19.8	Lucknow	—	33.4	25.6
Allahabad	—	34.0	26.8	Madurai	0.5	36.8	25.0
Bengaluru	20	30.0	20.6	Mangaluru	0.3	30.8	23.2
Bhopal	69.4	—	23.0	Mumbai	19	28.7	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.5	25.2	Mysuru	—	32.2	23.4
Chandigarh	—	35.0	25.6	New Delhi	1.3	36.8	26.5
Chennai	1	35.3	27.8	Patna	4.4	29.1	25.6
Coimbatore	—	34.7	24.0	Port Blair	1	29.8	25.7
Dehradun	—	31.8	23.4	Puducherry	—	35.0	26.8
Gangtok	7	19.8	17.0	Pune	7	30.3	22.7
Goa	93	30.4	23.5	Raipur	13.8	29.0	24.2
Guwahati	33	32.4	24.4	Ranchi	11	26.8	22.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	23.0	Shillong	32	24.1	17.3
Hyderabad	28	28.6	22.1	Shimla	—	23.8	15.0
Imphal	10	30.2	20.9	Srinagar	—	26.5	13.1
Jaipur	5	33.8	26.2	Thiruvananthapuram	5	30.8	24.2
Kochi	61	28.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	35.7	25.0
Kohima	1	22.0	17.6	Vijayawada	—	30.2	25.8
Kolkata	1	30.2	26.5	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	4	63	44	90	101	
Bengaluru	8	13	34	79	108	
Chennai	5	23	54	39	57	
Delhi	22	44	42	134	147	
Hyderabad	8	6	28	81	101	
Kolkata	29	23	19	30	42	
Lucknow	6	14	58	26	42	
Mumbai	69	3	—	23	226	
Pune	133	222	110	32	28	
Visakhapatnam	21	31	56	63	98	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Surat, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 229 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Drop bandh call, says DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has appealed to organisers of Mandya bandh to drop the call, arguing that it will not help the Cauvery cause, even as he slammed the Opposition for "politicising" the issue. He also indicated that some quantum of water had to be released before approaching the court again for relief. "A bandh will not help. There could be law and order problem. We will fight for farmers. We have safeguarded their interests as much as possible and will continue to do that," he said on Friday. "Bandh will affect businesses. Any violence [during the bandh] will bring disrepute to the State; instead, you can continue with the protest," he said. Mr. Shivakumar also said that many who were now participating in Cauvery protests and extending support to the bandh, had stayed away from the Congress-organised "Walk for water" on the Mekedatu project.

JD(S) to support bandh

Meanwhile, former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy said in Delhi that the JD(S) will support the bandh, and he would drive straight to Mandya after landing in Bengaluru on Saturday. "It is my duty to stand with the people," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar argued that both Opposition BJP and JD(S) were politicising the issue. "Several times in the past water had been released. We have record of how much water was released during the tenures of H.D. Deve Gowda, S. Bangarappa, S.M. Krishna, and Basavaraj Bommai. We are continuing with the same set of lawyers [to fight Cauvery case] who were appointed then. I can rebut each Opposition allegation," he added.

Govt. to scale down Dasara

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

In view of the drought in the State, the government has decided to scale down the Dasara celebrations. Minister for Social Welfare H.C. Mahadevappa, who is also Minister in charge of Mysuru district, took to microblogging site X (formerly Twitter) to announce the government's decision.

He tweeted: "In view of the poor rainfall in the State and the distress caused to the farming community, the State government has decided to celebrate Dasara in a simple and meaningful manner".

Report proposes Fund of Funds to boost start-ups

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The creation of a State-wise Fund of Funds (FoF) has been proposed as one of the measures that could be adopted by the Karnataka government to boost the thriving start-up ecosystem in the State. The proposal was made in a report titled 'Karnataka's Decade: Roadmap to $1 Trillion Economy' prepared by the Planning, Programme Monitoring, and Statistics Department and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The report analyses several sectors, including agriculture, manufacture, technology, start-ups, tourism, health, and education among others, and suggests steps that could help put the State on track to achieve a trillion-dollar economy.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/07/2023-24 **Date: 21.09.2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
(Through **GOK https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Portal** only)

Tender for the following works on Item rate basis are invited as **Standard Bid Documents** by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

SL No	Name of the Works/Category	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
	SINGLE COVER TENDER		
1.	Supplying Drinking water through water tanker in water scarce area in Ward No-06-Kogilu (Others)	10.00	25,000/-
2.	Maintenance of Existing borewells in Kattigenahalli and Bellahalli village area in Ward No-06-Kogilu (Others)	20.00	50,000/-
3.	Maintenance of Existing borewells in Thirumenahalli, Chokkanahalli village area in Ward No-06-Kogilu (Others)	20.00	50,000/-
4.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset, Electrification to Borewell at vinayaknagara, Dwarkanagara, kempegowda layout and Palanahalli at Kattigenahalli village area in Ward No-06- Kogilu (ST)	50.00	50,000/-
5.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset, Electrification to Borewell at Niranatara layout, Datta township, Shivapura, Someshwara layout, Siraj layout and surrounding areas of Kattigenahalli and Bellahalli village in Ward No-06-Kogilu (Others)	50.00	1,00,000/-
6.	Supplying Drinking water through water tanker in water scarce area in Ward No-07-Thanisandra (SC)	10.00	12,500/-
7.	Maintenance of Existing borewells in Thanisandra village area in Ward No-07-Thanisandra (ST)	25.00	25,000/-
8.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset, Electrification to Borewell at Thanisandra and Sarayipalya and surrounding areas of Ward No-07- Thanisandra (Others)	40.00	80,000/-
9.	Supplying Drinking water through water tanker in water scarce area in Ward No-08-Jakkur (SC)	10.00	12,500/-
10.	Maintenance of Existing Borewells in Rachenahalli village area in Ward No-08-Jakkur (Others)	20.00	50,000/-
11.	Supplying Drinking water through water tanker in water scarce area in Ward No-09-Amruthahalli (Others)	10.00	25,000/-
12.	Maintenance of Existing borewells in Dasarahalli village area in Ward No-09 Amruthahalli (Others)	20.00	50,000/-
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13.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset, Electrification to Borewell at Chokkanahalli and Thirumenahalli surrounding areas of Ward No-06 Kogilu (Others)	60.00	1,20,000/-
14.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset, Electrification to Borewell at R K Hegdenagar eastern and western side and surrounding areas of thanisandra and Rachenahalli village limit in Ward No-07- Thanisandra. (SC)	60.00	60,000/-
15.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset Electrification to Borewell at Bharatnagara, Fatima layout, Amarajyothi layout Rachenahalli village area in Ward No-08-Jakkur (Others)	80.00	1,60,000/-
16.	Drilling of Borewell and Erection of Pumpset Electrification to Borewell at Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Kaverinagara and Maruti layout and surrounding areas of Dasarahalli village limit in Ward No-09-Amruthahalli (Others)	60.00	1,20,000/-
Cost of Tender form in Rs.(Non- Refundable) Inclusive of GST		As per E- Procurement Portal	

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **30.09.2023** at **3:00** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-92. (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **07.10.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Opening of Technical Bids is on **09.10.2023** at **11:00** am if Possible in the Office of the Executive Engineer. (4) Opening of Financial Bid is on **10.10.2023** at **11:00** am if possible (For Two Cover System). (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division

ARULMIGHU MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, SAMAYAPURAM, TRICHIRAPPALLI - 621 112.
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E - TENDER NOTICE
CONTRACT TYPE : TWO COVER SYSTEM

Joint Commissioner / Executive officer of Arulmighu Mariamman temple invites E-Tender for the following work. The tender document will be available in **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **29.09.2023** to **31.10.2023** upto **11.00 AM.** Received tenders will be opened through online at **3.30 PM** on **31.10.2023**

Sl. No	Name of Work	Approximate value of work Rs.(in lakhs)	EMD Rs.	Period of Completion	Contractors Qualification
1.	Formation of Approach road from peruvala canal up to A/m Mariamman temple parking area and Construction of 0 – 300 m retaining wall in peruvala canal.	2227.00	11,23,500	18 Month	Class 1 registered Contractor in Public Works Department and above or Class 1 registered Contractor in Highways Department

If the contractor's eligibility condition or any other condition in the tender document , corrected or modified will be intimated through the above website.

DIPR/ 5213 /TENDER/2023

S.Kalyani,
Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer

TAMIL NADU STATE MARKETING CORPORATION LIMITED
CMDA TOWER II, IV FLOOR, GANDHI IRWIN BRIDGE ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.

E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) for supply and installation of **Class C Safe IS: 550 (Part-1 fifth revision:2014), approximately 1000 units** complying with the Standards specified by BIS, in retail vending shops of TASMAC located in Corporation, Municipality, Town and Village Panchayat areas.

The Tender documents (not transferable) to be downloaded from the Government of Tamil Nadu website **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.**

The filled in E- tender documents will be opened in the presence of authorized tenderers on **27.10.2023 at 4.00 p.m.**

DIPR / 5212/ TENDER / 2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our Client intends to purchase the immovable properties being the lands described in the **Schedule** below ("**Schedule Properties**") which are owned by the persons specified in the Schedule ("**Owners**"). The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Properties having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, benefit, demand, claim or interest in relation to the Schedule Properties, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment, mortgage or in any other manner, is hereby called upon to lodge their objections and/or claims in writing along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owners, has any right over the Schedule Properties and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties being the lands totally measuring 3 Acres 29 Guntas situated at M. Hosahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District described below:

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent		Boundaries				Owners
		Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South	
1	39/2	1	17	The land bearing Survey Nos. 38/1 & 38/2	The land bearing Survey No. 43/4 (earlier Survey No. 43)	The land bearing Survey No. 55 (earlier portion of Survey No. 22)	The land bearing Survey Nos. 39/1, 39/3 & 39/4	Mrs. Vakati Padmasena Reddy & Mrs. Vakati Sirisha Reddy
2	55	2	12	The land bearing Survey No. 22	The land bearing Survey No. 22	Hosadimbahalli Village Boundary	The lands bearing Survey Nos. 43/1, 43/2, 43/3, 43/4 & 39/2	

Signed/-
R Vasudev / B. S Raghavi
Magnah Law Partners
No. 1/24, Hanumanthappa Layout, Ulsoor Road
Bengaluru - 560 042, Phone No. 080-46462424
Email id: raghavi.bs@magnahlaw.com

Date: September 23, 2023

GOVT.OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
DEO IRRIGATION PROJECT, KARANJIA, DIST-MAYURBHANJ
'e' Procurement Notice No.03/CCEDIP of 2023-24 (Online)
Bid Identification No. 03/CCEDIP of 2023-24(Online)
Tel No. 06796-296144 **e-Mail : cce.dip.dowr@gmail.com**

Online tenders are invited from the prospective bidders for Construction of **"Khairibhandan Barrage Project on river Khairibhandan at village Anlabeni,Jashipur Block, District – Mayurbhanj, State-Odisha"** on EPC Contract.

Name of work	Class/EMD/Tender Fee/Period of Completion
Construction of **Khairibhandan Barrage Project on river Khairibhandan at village Anlabeni, Jashipur Block, District– Mayurbhanj, State-Odisha** including hydro-mechanical works, Head Regulator left & right, construction of afflux bund & coffer dam, dewatering during construction, Power connectivity works to project site & colony, road connectivity, including survey, investigation, planning, design and estimate of all components with operation and maintenance of the project for a period of five years or five flood seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project.	(1) Approximate value of work put to tender- Rs.7454.76 lakhs (2) Class – Super Class or equivalent Bidders. (3) EMD – Rs.74,54,800/- (4) Tender Fee – Rs.10,000/- to be transferred online. (Non Refundable) (5) Period of Completion – 30 (Thirty) calendar months including rainy season.

A. Period of Availability of Bidding Document	Dt.23.09.2023, 10.00 AM to Dt. 06.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM
B. Time and Date for Pre-bid Conference	Dt.09.10.2023 at 11.00 AM Office of Chief Construction Engineer, Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia, District – Mayurbhanj, Odisha.
C. Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bids	Dt.06.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM
D. Place of Sale, Receipt of Bids	Online through e-procurement.
E. Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bid.	Dt.07.11.2023 at 11.00 AM
F. Place of Opening of Bids	Office of Chief Construction Engineer, Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia, District –Mayurbhanj, Odisha.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**
Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia
District - Mayurbhanj

A-578 OIPR-32337/11/0006/2324

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People count

The Census is too important to be delayed for political reasons

Census collects population data that is crucial to planning and development, and the exercise is rarely devoid of political intent or consequence. India has conducted the Census every 10 years since 1881, but in 2020, the decennial exercise for the 2021 Census had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions related to the pandemic have ceased and the state machinery is ready to start the exercise anytime, but the BJP government at the Centre continues to withhold political clearance. On September 20, Home Minister Amit Shah told the Lok Sabha that the Census will take place after the 2024 general election. That still avoids any clear mention of the date or year, allowing speculation about the government's intent. A possible reason why the Centre is eager to delay it until 2024 is the clamour for enumeration of caste, a question that the BJP is trying to evade. A Census after 2026 will become the basis of the next delimitation of Lok Sabha seats, which will involve inter-State redistribution of representation. The BJP may have incentives to wait until then. In the last few years, changes in the Citizenship Act, and conflict between some States and the Centre regarding the National Population Register (NPR), have further muddied the discussions on Census.

The proposed 33% reservation for women in Parliament and Assemblies is linked to the next Census and delimitation, which adds an additional import. The next one will also be the first digital census giving citizens an opportunity to "self-enumerate". During self-enumeration, Aadhaar or mobile number will be mandatorily collected. Around 30 lakh government officials including schoolteachers will be assigned as enumerators and each will be assigned the responsibility to collect details of about 650-800 people through both online and offline modes covering an estimated population of more than 140 crore. In normal course, completion of both the phases of the Census takes at least 11 months. Meanwhile, the quality and mechanism of population level data collection are evolving fast, thanks to technology. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023 that will come into effect on October 1 will help a centralised population register, electoral register, Aadhaar, ration card, passport and driving licence databases. The centrally stored data will be updated real time without human interface leading to addition and deletion from electoral roll when an individual turns 18 and after death, respectively. Rather than trying to weaponise categorisation and counting of people, the government must take States and parties into confidence on all the issues around the Census.

Political red herring

The attempt to impeach Biden might backfire against the Republicans

The recent announcement by the U.S. House of Representatives Speaker, Republican Kevin McCarthy, that the lower chamber of Congress would move to impeach President Joe Biden is likely to be along expected lines as far as Democrats are concerned. With the next presidential election in a little more than 13 months, the Republicans have much to gain by muddying the waters and distracting voters from the fact that the U.S. economy has rebounded from the pandemic-years slowdown. Amidst a dearth of obvious political targets within the Democratic machinery, Mr. McCarthy has chosen to go after the President's son, businessman Hunter Biden, training his guns on his business dealings that allegedly resulted in benefits accruing to the senior Mr. Biden during his term as Vice President in the Obama administration. The House majority case against the Biden clan appears to be tenuous. With regard to the August memorandum of the House Oversight Committee, which alleged that Mr. Biden and his associates were paid more than $20m by "foreign sources", the Chair of the very same Committee, Republican James Comer, conceded recently that a scrutiny of bank records did not yield evidence. Similarly, allegations that the Biden "brand" was used to peddle influence in business matters to the favour of Mr. Biden do not appear to be standing up to scrutiny, according to a report from the Congressional Integrity Project, a Democrat-aligned watchdog group. Finally, claims based on an "unverified FBI tip", that Mr. Biden paid off prosecutors to end an inquiry into Burisma, a Ukrainian energy firm on whose Board Hunter Biden had a seat, have also failed to unearth a smoking gun; so too allegations, based on the testimony of two whistle-blowers that the Justice Department "intentionally interfered in a multi-year investigation into Hunter's tax return".

Even if Mr. McCarthy manages to drag Mr. Biden through a full impeachment, the 46th President will be acquitted in the Senate. The elephant in the House is the double impeachment of former U.S. President Donald Trump. Perhaps in a bid to seek a false equivalence to that dubious record and in the hope of dampening voter support for Democrats next year, Mr. McCarthy is attempting to simultaneously win favour with Mr. Trump and shore up his own wobbly support base in the House. Whatever his motivations, Mr. McCarthy's proposed public spectacle risks a serious voter blowback in next year's election, as Democrats may rally to Mr. Biden's cause in greater numbers, and the all-important independent voters may associate this manoeuvre with unproductive partisanship and Mr. Trump's long shadow over the Republican Party.

India and the great power contest in West Asia

Stanly Johny

At the G-20 summit in New Delhi earlier this month, United States President Joe Biden and others unveiled a U.S.-backed infrastructure project to connect India, West Asia and Europe with shipping lanes, rail networks, pipelines and data cables. A week earlier, a high-level U.S. delegation had visited Saudi Arabia, chasing a normalisation agreement between the Sunni kingdom and the Jewish state of Israel, two of America's allies in the region. These seemingly unrelated but geopolitically contiguous developments offer a broad framework of Mr. Biden's approach towards West Asia, a geostrategically important region where the U.S. had a domineering presence for decades, but which is now being challenged by multiple factors.

Two-part policy

Mr. Biden's West Asia strategy has two parts. One is the continuation of the Trump-era policy of bringing America's two pillars in the region – the Gulf Arabs and Israel – closer to meet their common geopolitical challenges such as Iran's rise. The Abraham Accords reached under Mr. Trump's tutelage set the stage for the transformation of Israel's ties with the United Arab Emirates. But the true potential of this policy would not be reached unless there is a deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia, arguably the most influential Arab country today. Mr. Biden, who as a candidate had vowed to make Saudi Arabia "the ****** that they are", has come a long way as President in reaching out to the Kingdom. The administration believes that a Saudi-Israel deal would transform Arab-Israel ties, strengthening the U.S.'s position in the region without further military commitments.

The second part of Mr. Biden's approach is to reassure America's friends and allies that the U.S. is not exiting West Asia. In 2012, leaders of India, Israel, the U.S. and the UAE held a virtual summit of what is now called the I2U2 minilateral. The idea behind I2U2 is to create a new platform that could expedite economic integration between West Asia and South Asia and offer economic and technological solutions to the problems faced by the Global South.

India's presence in a grouping of the Abraham Accords countries was seen as a legitimate recognition of India's presence in the region. The India-Middle East-Europe Corridor, announced at the G-20 summit (referred to in the first paragraph), enhances New Delhi's standing. It seeks to build an economic corridor from India's western coast, through the Gulf (the UAE and Saudi Arabia), Jordan and Israel, to the Mediterranean, bringing India and Europe closer. If this project takes off, the U.S. hopes that it could retain its channels of influence in West Asia, control the major shipping lanes and reassure its allies of its staying capacity.

The U.S. may not want to exit West Asia, but it has deprioritised the region in terms of its security commitments as its focus has shifted back to Eastern Europe and East Asia. But the U.S.'s deprioritisation of the region does not diminish the strategic value or potential of West Asia. As the U.S. is pivoting to East Asia, China, which is dependent on imports for over 70% of its oil requirements, is enhancing its focus on West Asia. China has not only emerged as the biggest trading partner of America's Gulf Arab allies and a major investor in the region but has also shown a willingness to play a bigger role as peacemaker, which was evident in the Iran-Saudi reconciliation agreement.

This poses a dilemma to the U.S. deprioritisation of the region is a strategic reality for Washington as it is now facing far bigger conventional challenges in Russia and China. But it cannot just exit West Asia because China would try to fill the vacuum. America's answer to this challenge is to forge closer ties between its allies in the region and strengthen the U.S. security architecture, and bring India in as a bigger, stable partner to write the new rules of economic engagement and integration, competing with China. India seems willing to take this bet.

The U.S.-China competition in the region gives New Delhi new opportunities for multi-engagement

New West Asia

But it is to be seen how far the Biden plan would help the U.S. retain or extend its influence in the region at a time when China is trying to do the same thing. Primarily, the Biden plan is dependent on a potential Saudi-Israeli deal. But let us say such a deal is not improbable – Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in an interview recently that both sides are getting closer to each other every day. Even if a deal is materialised in the near future, there are other challenges.

The U.S. deprioritisation of the region has loosened its grip on its allies and left a security vacuum which have collectively prompted regional powers to autonomise their foreign policies and take steps toward a more predictable engagement with both friends and foes. This was evident in the Saudi-UAE détente with Iran, the decision to end the Saudi-led blockade of Qatar and the Arab reconciliation with Syria's Bashar al-Assad. Saudi Arabia and the UAE are also trying to formulate policies independent of U.S. goals and strengthening ties with rising powers. Their decision to join the BRICS grouping (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) is a case in point. So, they might welcome America's diplomatic push or economic integration plan, but they may not remain client states, like they were during the Cold War and the unipolar world, any more.

Second, the Biden administration, despite its limited engagement, continues to see Iran as a hostile power. Also, the rivalry between Iran and Israel would remain the central geopolitical contradiction of West Asia. By reaching a détente with Iran, Gulf Arabs have made it clear that they would not like to get stuck in the Iran-Israel rivalry, which has the potential to spill over into a conflict. Such an outcome would destabilise the region again, derailing America's plan to stay as a benevolent great power.

Multiple avenues for India

For India, the U.S.-China competition in West Asia opens new avenues of engagement. The U.S. sees India, with its size, the size of its economy and the legacy of its historical engagement and cultural connect with the region, as an important partner in its bid to continue to shape West's Asia's geopolitics. India should welcome the moment but should not look at it through the prism of another Cold War – or it should not put all its eggs in one basket as it did in Afghanistan. It is already part of the near-functional International North-South Transport Corridor that connects India to Russia through Iran and Central Asia. The 'Middle East Corridor' would open another economic channel. India's overall policy towards the region should stay anchored in this idea of multi-engagement – not in appeasing or containing any great power. With or without the U.S., or irrespective of China's presence in the region, India should strive to play a major geopolitical role in West Asia, its extended neighbourhood, without upsetting its traditional balance.

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A clear message to industry on dispute resolution

Arun Chawla

is Director General, Indian Council of Arbitration

Any conversation about the Indian litigation system eventually veers toward the term Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). ADR refers to a bouquet of mechanisms that enables disputing parties to resolve their differences amicably, without the intervention of courts. Given the delays in Indian court proceedings and increasing cost of litigation, the significance of ADR in India cannot be understated. Until recently, these discussions largely focussed on arbitration or conciliation of disputes under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (A&C Act). But mediation of disputes is finally getting its due.

In the recent monsoon session of Parliament, both Houses passed The Mediation Bill, 2023, and upon receiving the assent of the President of India, is referred to as the Mediation Act, 2023 ("the Act"). The Indian legal framework already encourages courts to refer the disputing parties to ADR procedures, including mediation, if there were elements of settlement which the parties may accept. The Act will take this encouragement a step forward. Irrespective of a prior mediation agreement, it will obligate each party to take steps to settle their dispute through pre-litigation mediation before approaching an Indian court. To facilitate this process, the Act will also require courts and relevant institutions to maintain a panel of mediators.

Many benefits

The potential benefits are several. This requirement is expected to reduce the filing of frivolous claims before Indian courts. Owing to the confidentiality of a mediation, it may also mitigate the risk of deterioration of the parties' relationship due to a publicly fought dispute. Yet, at the same time, concerns are raised about the feasibility of a mediation conducted under the sword of an obligation as opposed to a sincere desire to arrive at an amicable resolution. In the latter scenario, this may empower a recalcitrant defendant to delay a genuine claim. Fortunately, the Act will provide some safeguards against these concerns. On the one hand, it will require the mediation to ordinarily be conducted by an empanelled mediator, who must always be neutral and have uncompromising expertise.

The Mediation Act, 2023 aims to foster a link between the mediation and the arbitration of commercial disputes, thus reducing the burden on Indian courts

Subject to an extension by the parties, they must also complete the mediation within 180 days from the parties' first appearance. On the other hand, the Act will not remove the refuge of Indian courts entirely. A party may, in exceptional circumstances, seek urgent interim reliefs from a court before the commencement or during the continuation of a mediation. These provisions prioritise expertise and efficiency, while ensuring that the obligation of pre-litigation mediation is not weaponised. The aim is to create a balanced framework which encourages the parties to focus more on their commercial dealings and less on their disputes.

The aspect of mediation and arbitration

In these discussions, however, one aspect has gone unnoticed. The Act will effectively position mediation similar to commercial arbitration in India. The similarities between their respective supporting pieces of legislation are obvious. Both pieces of legislation impose stringent timelines for the conduct of proceedings, mandate confidentiality, obligate Indian courts to refer the parties to mediation or arbitration, provide a default mechanism for the appointment of a mediator or arbitrator, and prescribe the procedure for the termination of their mandate. Likewise, both ensure the enforceability of a mediated settlement agreement and an arbitral award, respectively. The establishment of a Mediation Council of India equally mirrors the proposal in 2019 to establish an Arbitration Council of India (that is yet to be implemented). Mediation and commercial arbitration are thus made allies, albeit at different stages of the same journey.

Parliament's message to Indian industry is clear – in commercial matters, courts must no longer be the default venue for dispute resolution. Parties are expected to resolve their dispute amicably through mediation, and, alternatively, through commercial arbitration. While the doors of Indian courts are open if required, this access must be perceived as a matter of last resort. To this extent, the Act will foster camaraderie between the mediation and arbitration of commercial disputes, and reduce the burden on Indian courts.

Service providers

In this context, a final key parallel emerges. Similar to how the recent amendments to the A&C Act prioritised institutional arbitration of disputes, the Act also places emphasis on institutional mediation in India. It envisages "mediation service providers" to provide not only the services of a mediator but also all the facilities, secretarial assistance, and infrastructure for the efficient conduct of mediation. A mediation service provider is synonymous with arbitration institutions. India is already home to experienced arbitration institutions, some of which provide mediation services that are on a par with global best practices. These institutions are, therefore, expected to play a meaningful role in India's mediation journey. Only then would India become a global hub not only for arbitration but also for all aspects of commercial dispute resolution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The India-Canada row

The political leadership in India needs to understand that Indians are one of the largest beneficiaries of the Canadian permanent residence programme. Thousands emigrate to the country for education and in search of work opportunities due to a liberalised visa regime. There may be people on social media and on television with nationalist fervour who think that India has arrived on the global scene due to the success of the G-20 declaration or India's mission to the moon, and so the country cannot be pushed around. But this may not be the case. The political leadership may court domestic audiences since elections are due in both countries. However, one cannot brush aside serious allegations. Officials of both countries need to cooperate and keep channels open for talks, share the evidence and hold people responsible to account.

Ranjith Rajan,
Bengaluru

Mere accusations have ended up creating a rift. Indians are one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and 40% of international students in Canada are Indians. The entire education ecosystem will collapse if there are visa restrictions. A majority of the labour force in low-skilled jobs are Indian students. Both nations must engage in negotiations to settle the dispute.

Dr. Bineet Kaur Maunder,
Patiala, Punjab

Canada is a nation that welcomes immigrants with open arms and which offers them good job opportunities. Indians, and a significant percentage of them, live in absolute peace, hold tall positions, are well set in finance and have become citizens of that country. Many are Members of the Canadian Parliament too. Indians who live in other nations prefer to immigrate to Canada as it offers some of the best living conditions and, more importantly, treats all immigrant-citizens equal to native Canadians in all respects.

The Indian government needs to diffuse the situation with Canada, at least in the interest of Indian immigrants who are only going to face the problems.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

There seems to be a tough face-off between the diplomats and governments of both countries. One hopes that the tensions die down.

N. Visveswaran,
Chennai

There are many Indian students who are in Canada for higher studies.
Indian Hindu and Indian Sikh populations live peacefully in many cities such as Toronto. Indians in Canada are largely from Punjab and the Telugu-speaking States, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Hindus often visit gurudwaras and offer rice and other consumables for mass feeding.

Baru Rajendra Prasad,
Hyderabad

India needs to remember that Canada has reached out to The Five Eyes, the alliance of the intelligence agencies of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. *The Washington Post* says that the killing of Nijjar was raised privately by officials of the alliance in the weeks leading up to the G-20 Summit. These are countries with sophisticated intelligence networks. Let us not discount this in the terrible and caustic reportage and opinions being aired on some television channels in India.

S. Gupta,
New Delhi

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Nurul Hasan's wife Ayesha and mother Zaiben mourn his death in Pusesavali town, Satara district of Maharashtra. (Above, right): Mohammed Liyaqat says his world revolved around his son, Nurul. EMMANUAL YOGINI

In Satara, murder during a prayer

On September 10, Nurul Hasan, a young engineer who was soon to be a father, was killed by a mob inside a mosque in Maharashtra's Satara district. The trigger for the mob violence were social media posts to which Nurul had no connection. **Abhinay Deshpande** reports on yet another tragedy in a State that has been witnessing a spate of communal clashes of late

Ayesha Nurul Hasan Shikalgar, 31, is six months pregnant. She and her husband Nurul were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their baby towards the end of the year. Instead, Ayesha, a junior advocate, is struggling to deal with shock, grief, and loss now.

On the evening of September 10, Nurul, 31, a civil engineer, left home to offer the final prayer of the day at the mosque, just a 10-minute walk from home, in Pusesavali town in Satara district, Maharashtra. Pusesavali is home to about 10,000 people, of which 500 are Muslim.

"Around 9 p.m., a mob of 70-80 unidentified people descended upon the town," say eyewitnesses who do not wish to be identified. "Their faces were obscured, and the number plates of their motorcycles hidden. The mob began to chant anti-Islam slogans and set ablaze vehicles and establishments close to the mosque." Ayesha's father, Mohammed Hanif Adambhai Shaikh, a farmer, says about 15-20 devotees, including Nurul, sought refuge in the mosque, the only one in Pusesavali.

Ayesha says Nurul called her minutes later, his voice trembling. He instructed her to close all the doors and stay put. He reassured her that he would remain safe in the mosque. "I can't explain how tense I was," says Ayesha. "I could hear the commotion outside."

About 50 minutes later, she tried to reach Nurul, but got no response. She hoped that he was safe with fellow devotees inside the mosque, and would come home soon, for dinner.

Though Nurul neither answered nor returned her calls, Ayesha dialled his number every half an hour. "Meanwhile, my mother-in-law, Zaiben, alerted Nurul's father, who was en route to Miraj (more than 130 km away). As there were no men in the house, my mother-in-law and I were apprehensive about going out," she says.

Nurul's father, Mohammed Liyaqat, teaches at a government Urdu school at Miraj in Sangli district. Zaiben is a retired government nurse. While Liyaqat would visit Pusesavali over weekends, Zaiben would shuttle back and forth between Miraj and Pusesavali, where Ayesha and Nurul live, in the farthest end of the town. Tall, lush sugarcane fields stretch out in front of the unpainted house for as far as the eye can see; at night, the fields look particularly desolate and eerie.

An increasingly anxious Ayesha kept calling Nurul. Despite the ominous sounds from outside, she believed that Nurul would remain safe. "I have never heard of any mob entering a mosque or any place of worship and attacking people," she says. She made her last call to him at 1 a.m.

About an hour later, the police called and asked her to come to the hospital. They told her that Nurul had suffered injuries. Ayesha went numb when she saw her husband. "He was lying on a stretcher in the morgue," she says.

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> **AYESHA**
> Wife of Nurul

'They seemed motivated to kill everyone'

Nurul and Ayesha got married on November 20 last year. She says Nurul was her best friend, similar to her in many ways, and a calm and patient man. Five months after Ayesha became pregnant, Nurul gifted her a diamond-studded nose pin that she wears all the time. They booked a car soon after they were engaged; it was delivered after they got married.

The family was in celebratory mode. Ayesha says she and her husband had just renovated their kitchen. On the afternoon of what would turn out to be a wretched day, they had called 20-25 relatives home for lunch. Though Ayesha had wanted to invite more guests, Nurul had suggested that they keep the renovation celebration intimate. He wanted to host a larger gathering once the baby arrived.

Ayesha says Nurul's world revolved around her. "He was humble and had a very simple lifestyle. He always used to tell me '*Hamesha zameen se jude rehna chahiye* (always stay grounded). And now, he rests beneath that very ground for no fault of his."

The same evening, after the celebration, the mob which gathered near the mosque allegedly started setting parked vehicles on fire. An eyewitness, on the condition of anonymity, says, "They threw stones at the mosque and at establishments run by Muslims. They were carrying sticks, iron rods and other sharp weapons, and petrol in plastic covers and cans. They broke the locked door of the mosque, barged in, broke the lights, and began attacking everyone inside. Nurul was attacked repeatedly with sticks and rods. He was hit on the head with a floor tile."

Other eyewitnesses say that the mob vandalised the mosque and burned religious scriptures. One man says, "They seemed motivated to kill everyone inside."

Nurul was lying in a pool of blood when the police shifted him to a health centre and later to a hospital in Satara town, about 45 km away, says Mohammed Siraj, a resident. Siraj's two brothers were among the 15 others wounded in the attack. "Nurul died on the spot, but the police shifted him to the hospital for 'treatment'. My two brothers also suffered injuries. Everyone was innocent," says Siraj.

"The painful reality that he won't return weighs heavily on me, on all of us," says Ayesha.

The police stand outside the mosque where Nurul Hasan was killed, in Pusesavali village, Satara. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The trigger

According to the police, the violence was allegedly triggered by two 'objectionable' messages – one about Lord Rama and Sita and another about Shivaji Maharaj – posted by two young Muslims on a social media platform. As soon as the social media monitoring team of the local police came across the post, they picked up one of the men, while the other, a native of Pusesavali, was traced to Kolhapur. "While the police were questioning a young man about the post at the outpost, some people began to create a ruckus outside the outpost. They started moving towards the mosque. It all happened within a few minutes," says a senior police officer, who is privy to the investigation. The officer says at least 10 policemen suffered injuries. The mob torched a couple of police vehicles, he says.

The mob, which allegedly consisted of Hindu men from Pursesavali and the neighbouring villages of Thorvewadi NV and Wadgaon Jairam Swami, reached the mosque and began rioting.

"It was a pre-planned attack," claims Siraj. "Though the outpost was just a few metres away, the police did little to control the situation at first. The rioters targeted houses, commercial units, and vehicles belonging only to Muslims. How would they know that these belonged to Muslims unless this was pre-planned?"

The police say that an investigation will reveal whether the riot was premeditated or not.

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> Resident, Pusesavali

Siraj and others allege that the social media accounts of the two Muslim men were hacked by some people who then posted objectionable content. This, they say, caused a full-blown riot.

The police contest this version. They say that the accounts were not hacked. The photos and comments were posted from their own devices, and a case had been registered against them, according to the police. The investigators also say that Nurul had no connection with the alleged social media posts.

Soon after the riots, the government suspended mobile Internet services in the district for three days as a precautionary measure. Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which prohibits public gatherings in a given jurisdiction, was enforced for five days, and 23 suspects were detained within hours. The police registered three cases – one on the social media posts, one on the murder and attacks, and one on the attacks on police officials – under relevant Sections of the Indian Penal Code, including Sections 302 (punishment for murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 147 (punishment for rioting) and 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapons).

"So far, we have arrested 37 people. The probe is going on. We are yet to identify the mastermind behind the riot," says a senior officer while refusing to provide details about the arrested people and the findings of Nurul's autopsy report. "Some of the rioters fled into the sugarcane fields. But the situation was quickly brought under control," he says.

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan has raised concerns over police inaction in the Pusesavali riot, labelling it a "pre-planned and pre-determined cold-blooded murder."

The events in Pusesavali were not sudden, say residents; tension had been building for over a month. Police authorities also acknowledge that they had "anticipated the worst".

The first provocative post surfaced on August 15. Soon after, Hindus went on a march, shouting slogans against Muslims in front of a temple, say the police. Following this, the Muslims in the area gave a representation saying they feared for their lives. "They claimed that they had faced threats from Hindus. We believe it was a generic statement. A similar representation was given by Hindus too," an officer says.

The riot in Satara is part of a disturbing trend in Maharashtra. Over the last few months, there have been several communal incidents related to processions, slogans, and social media posts.

On March 28, a clash broke out when a religious procession with music was taken out in front of a mosque in Jalgaon city. Two days later, a quarrel outside a Ram mandir in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (erstwhile Aurangabad) on the eve of Ram Navami turned deadly when a mob attacked police personnel; one man was killed. In Akola, on May 13, violence erupted due to a provocative social media post about the Prophet, resulting in one fatality. At Trimbakeshwar, Nashik, tensions flared when a group of Muslims tried to enter the Shiva temple through the main entrance and offer a *chadar*. On May 15, a communal clash erupted in the Shevgaon village in Ahmednagar district when a procession celebrating the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Sambhaji was disrupted while passing by a mosque. In June, posts reportedly glorifying Mughal emperor Aurangzeb and 18th-century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan sparked tensions and clashes in Kolhapur. These are just a few examples.

Chavan claims that the State government has been actively polarising people through social media in the lead-up to the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. He said to *The Hindu*: "During my visit, the people informed me that the rioters continuously chanted, "'*Hamara Home Minister hai, kuch nahi hoga*" (Our Home Minister is with us; nothing will happen to us)'. I believe this incident is part of a pogrom and I demand a judicial inquiry into the riot. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis should visit the bereaved family. The rioters wanted to terrorise the Muslim community."

'Who do we turn to?'

Sitting on a mat at the entrance of the house, Liyaqat says his world revolved around Nurul: "Our life holds no meaning without him. Now, who do we turn to but Allah?"

Nurul's death has not only left the family distraught but also worried. Not long ago, Nurul, who used to visit his in-laws' place daily, about 4-5 km away, and help them till their land, bought a bulldozer with a loan. He wanted to augment his income by renting it out for construction projects. Now, the responsibility of repaying the loan lies with his family.

"He was killed for no fault of his. My wife and daughter-in-law refuse to eat. Though I'm not that old, this incident has made me age quickly. I feel utterly bereft with the untimely death of my only child," says Liyaqat.

Ayesha worries about her future as a single mother. "How am I going to bring up this baby without him? He was our world," she says.

The police say normalcy has been restored in the town. But fear lingers among the Muslims. Police stand on watch near the mosque and temples. Citizens worry that they remain unsafe. Even places of worship are no longer havens.

BJP member Bidhuri uses communal remarks in LS

BSP's Danish Ali writes to Speaker Om Birla about the 'heartbreaking incident', Opposition leaders demand BJP MP's suspension; words expunged from records; BJP issues show-cause notice

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP member Ramesh Bidhuri used crude and communal slurs against Bahujan Samaj Party member Kunwar Danish Ali on the floor of the Lok Sabha late on Thursday evening, creating a political storm.

Speaker Om Birla warned Mr. Bidhuri that strict action would be taken if he repeated such behaviour and the words were expunged from the record. However, Opposition members are firm in their demand that Mr. Bidhuri should be suspended from the Lok Sabha.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi met Mr. Ali on Friday evening to express solidarity with him. He responded to press queries on the purpose of his visit as "*Nafrat ke bazaar main Mohabbat ki dukaan*" (In the marketplace of hate, a shop of love), reinforcing the Congress's accusations that the BJP does "communal politics".

The constituents of the INDIA bloc followed it up by sending identical letters to the Speaker to demand that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee. Interestingly, Mr. Ali's own party, the BSP, has maintained a distance from the INDIA bloc so far.

In solidarity: Rahul Gandhi with Danish Ali at the latter's residence in New Delhi on Friday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Throughout the day, Opposition MPs from Mohua Moitra of the Trinamool Congress to Manoj Jha of the RJD and Asaduddin Owaisi of the AIMIM took up cudgels on behalf of Mr. Ali.

Damage control

By afternoon, the BJP, in a damage control mode, issued a show-cause notice to Mr. Bidhuri, but till the time of writing, the notice had not been released to the press.

Mr. Ali himself wrote to Mr. Birla, demanding that Mr. Bidhuri's remarks be referred to the Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha.

"This is most unfortunate and the fact that this happened in the new Parliament and under your leadership as Speaker is truly heartbreaking for me as a minority member of this great nation and an elected member of Parliament," Mr. Ali wrote in the letter, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*.

Mr. Bidhuri made these remarks during a discussion on Chandrayaan in the Lok Sabha late on Thursday evening. During an exchange on some objections raised by Mr. Ali while Mr. Bidhuri was delivering his speech, the latter let loose a barrage of crude communal slurs in Hindi. Former Union Ministers Harsh Vardhan and Ravi Shankar Prasad were seen smiling, sitting behind Mr. Bidhuri in the House.

Mr. Harsh Vardhan, in a post on X later, defended himself. "While I was no doubt witness to the jugglery of words being thrown at each other (which in fact the entire House was), the truth of the matter is that in the chaos that existed, I could not clearly hear what was being said," he said.

Congress MP Kodikunnil Suresh, who was in chair at the time of the exchange, said that as soon as he was alerted to the abuse, he ruled that the remarks be expunged and that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expressed regret as well.

Mr. Suresh did admit that this was "not the first time" that Mr. Bidhuri had used objectionable language in Parliament.

On Wednesday, when the women's reservation Bill was being discussed in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Bidhuri was accused by the Opposition members of heckling DMK member Kanimozhi even before she could begin her speech.

Bidhuri's remarks must be probed by Privileges Committee: Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Exercising pressure on Speaker Om Birla to take action against BJP member Ramesh Bidhuri who used abusive language against BSP member Danish Ali on the floor of the Lok Sabha on Thursday night, at least four Opposition parties have urged him to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee. BSP president Mayawati, meanwhile, was the slowest to react to the uproar.

The Congress's floor leader in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury; DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, NCP leader Supriya Sule, and Aparupa Poddar of the Trinamool Congress have written to Mr. Birla. They have also demanded that Mr. Bidhuri must be suspended from Parliament till the Privileges Committee completes its investigations. According to sources, more letters from the other INDIA member parties will follow.

In his letter, Mr. Chowdhury wrote that the exchange reflected "poorly on the Parliament and its sanctity" and that "never in the history of Parliament have such words been used against a member of a minority community". Expunging the unsavoury words has little impact since it has already been recorded in print and visual media, he added.

Opposition outrage: Ramesh Bidhuri received a deluge of outrage from Opposition MP. PTI

Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra was the first to flag the exchange on Friday morning when she posted a video of the incident on X (formerly Twitter). "True paragon of impartiality @ombirlakota has apparently warned @rameshbidhuri to not do this again. Wow. While other lesser non BJP mortals like @adhirrcinc & @SanjayAzadSln suspended for far less," she said. She challenged Mr. Birla to initiate "privilege motion" against her but insisted that he must answer the question of what action is he taking against Mr. Bidhuri.

This was followed by a deluge of outrage from the Opposition while Mr. Ali's own party president was the slowest to react to the growing uproar. In a prosaic post on X, Ms. Mayawati said that though the Speaker had expunged the remarks and warned Mr. Bidhuri and a senior Minister tendered an apology in the House, "it is sad that the party has not yet taken appropriate action against him. Unfortunate."

Two former Cabinet Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Harsh Vardhan, who can be seen laughing in the background, were also denounced by the Opposition.

Congress's general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh posted on X, "They deserve as much condemnation as the most awful Bidhuri himself. This is the shameful level to which the BJP under Modi-Shah has fallen."

The Opposition also targeted the BJP, saying such incidents were no longer surprising.

RJD Rajya Sabha member Manoj Jha told reporters, "I was saddened, but not surprised. By using such words on the floor of Parliament against a minority MP, we are actually lending legitimacy to abuse against Muslims and Dalits."

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said he was sure no action would be taken against Mr. Bidhuri. "There is a possibility that in future he will be made the BJP Delhi State President. Today, Muslims in India are being treated the same way as Jews were treated in Hitler's Germany," he said on X.

CPI general secretary D. Raja, terming Mr. Bidhuri's comments completely unacceptable, said that the BJP "can't hide its bigotry behind big buildings".

Responding sharply over the incident, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav demanded life ban for the BJP MP. "The identity of a human being is not the face. It is the tongue. A BJP MP, intoxicated with power, addressing a minority MP from the Opposition in a very indecent manner is no less than a criminal act. This is the worst form of negative politics of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in which the laughing participation of other BJP MPs shows that this is not the fault of one BJP person, but it is an impudent display of shamelessness from most of the BJP members," he said on X.

Mirwaiz delivers Friday sermon after 4 years, calls for dialogue

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was allowed to deliver Friday sermon at Srinagar's historic Jamia Masjid after four years. He stressed resolution of the Kashmir problem through dialogue and reconciliation as an alternative to violent means.

Under a heavy security cover, Mr. Farooq arrived at the Jamia Masjid around noon and was received by an emotional crowd of men and women, who threw garlands at him.

Mr. Farooq, who broke down while starting his Friday sermon from the pulpit for the first time since 2019, said, "Since August 2019, it has not been easy on you [people]. There have been assaults on our identity. The abrogation, downgrading of J&K into a Union Territory, dismemberment of Ladakh and the new laws and diktats were harsh, and unilateral decisions of disempowerment."

The Lieutenant-Governor administration's move to release Mr. Farooq comes days after the J&K High Court sought a reply from the administration over the "house detention". Mr. Farooq had approached the court in the wake of L-G Manoj Sinha's remarks that he was not placed under any house arrest.

However, Mr. Farooq claimed that security forces were disallowing him to step out of his Srinagar residence.

Mr. Farooq also demanded the release of jailed Hurriyat leaders, journalists, rights activists and lawyers.

Strong government with full majority led to passage of women's reservation Bill: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill to reserve 33% seats in the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies for women was cleared by both Houses of Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Bill presaged a new "democratic commitment" in India made possible because of a "strong decisive government with a full majority at the Centre".

He was addressing a felicitation ceremony organised by the BJP's Mahila Morcha, which was attended by party president J.P. Nadda as well.

Celebratory spirit: Narendra Modi being felicitated by Anupriya Patel at the event by BJP's Mahila Morcha. ANI

During his speech, Mr. Modi also made a pitch for having a strong government with a majority, stating that it was one of the main reasons for the Bill to get pushed through so many years after it was first tabled.

"Having reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies was talked about for nearly three decades," he said, adding that the earlier efforts lacked commitment and women were even insulted.

Asserting that his government worked to empower women, who have emerged as a power over the past decade, Mr. Modi said that was the reason why political parties that used to tear copies of the women's reservation Bill in Parliament had to support it.

Mr. Modi termed it the "good fortune" of the BJP and a government headed by the party that it got the opportunity to pass the Bill.

The Bill, he said, was proof of fulfilling "Modi's guarantee" of ushering in women-led development.

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Thakur calls off visit to Asiad inaugural

"A strong protest has been lodged in New Delhi and Beijing against China's deliberate and selective obstruction of some of our sportspersons... Further, as a mark of our protest against the Chinese action, Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports of India has cancelled his scheduled visit to China for the Games," Mr. Bagchi said. Ironically, the decision came on the day that the Indian flag was hoisted and the Indian contingent was officially welcomed into the Athletes' Village.

Earlier in the day, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the Games organising committee made statements on the Asian Games being an "inclusive event for all sports lovers of Asia", but refused to comment on the contentious issue of the athletes from Arunachal Pradesh.

"This issue was brought to our notice yesterday and we are taking it up with the organising committee to try and find a solution quickly. We will inform you accordingly," acting Director General of the OCA Vinod Kumar Tiwari said. "We are meeting as a working group also and taking it up with the government. Apart from the government to government interaction, it is under discussion by the OCA also," acting OCA president Randhir Singh added.

But the host appeared to be in no mood to budge and Wei Jizhong, honorary life vice-president of the OCA executive board and chairman of the Ethics Committee, claimed that China had issued the visa but the Indians had not accepted it. Reacting to India's decision to cancel the ministerial visit, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs doubled down, saying that its government has "never recognised so-called Arunachal".

SC declines to consider plea for independent audit of 'source code' of EVM system

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a writ petition seeking an independent audit of the source code governing the entire Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) system.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, advocate Sunil Ahya, who was the petitioner-in-person, said the source code was the "brain of an electronic machine".

"An independent auditing public body which can view such a human-readable set of written instructions [source code] would ensure confidence that these processes would run exactly as intended and exclude the possibility of concealed [Trojan] code beyond the prescribed Software Requirement Specifications [SRS]," the petitioner argued.

The petition said the integrity of the EVM system should be beyond doubt.

IEEE 1028 standard

Mr. Ahya submitted that the independent audit should be undertaken by applying the IEEE 1028 standard. This is a well-established standard for software reviews and audits fixed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technical professional organisation.

"Since the 'EVM System' has been adopted as a method to exercise the democratic franchise, it is of central concern for all the citizens that its integrity is beyond any slightest shadow of doubt, lest it affect the democratic rights of the citizens and be a cause of concern for national security," the petition said.

He said a technical audit by the manufacturers of the EVM system was not transparent enough.

The Supreme Court, however, said the Election Commission of India (EC) was constitutionally entrusted with the superintendence and control of the polls. The petitioner has not provided any material to show that the EC was in breach of its constitutional mandate. The Bench said it was not inclined to pass any directions on the petition which concerned a "policy issue"

"Ultimately, the manner in which the source code ought to be audited and whether the audit should be placed in the public domain bears on sensitive issues pertaining to the integrity of the election process which are conducted under the superintendence" of the EC, the court said.

100% regret: Rahul on UPA's inability to bring reservation Bill with OBC sub-quota

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress "regrets" that the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government did not pass its Women's Reservation Bill in 2010 by including a quota for women from Other Backward Classes (OBCs), former party chief Rahul Gandhi said on Friday, even as he asserted that his party would successfully carry out a caste-based census if it comes to power.

"100 per cent, there is regret. We should have done then and we will definitely," he said. In March 2010, the UPA government had managed to pass its Women's Reservation Bill in the Rajya Sabha but never brought the Bill to the Lok Sabha due to the lack of consensus over the question of a "quota within quota" for OBC women, as well as not having the numbers to ensure its passage.

On Thursday, four Rajya Sabha members of the Congress, including general secretary (organisational) K.C. Venugopal, had moved amendments to include an OBC quota in the Bill, as well as to implement the law as soon as it is passed. Both were rejected by the BJP, said party leader Jairam Ramesh on X.

Rahul Gandhi

Mr. Gandhi claimed that the BJP-led government had brought in its women's reservation Bill as a distraction from the Opposition's demand for such a caste census. "So, this is a diversionary tactic, it's a way of making everyone's attention move away. The question is what are they moving away from? And the answer is the caste census," Mr. Gandhi said.

The Congress leader added that the Bill would be implemented, if at all, after 10 years, noting the legislation's "footnotes" requiring a new census and delimitation exercise to be conducted first. He urged for its immediate implementation.

OBC representation

Mr. Gandhi claimed he was "shocked" to see the under-representation of OBCs, and Scheduled Castes and Tribes (SC/ST) in bureaucracy, and countered Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion that 29% of BJP parliamentarians were from OBC communities. "The MPs have been treated like statues and they have no power or role in the law-making process," he said. He reiterated his assertion that only three out of the 90 secretaries to the government of India were from OBC communities, adding that these three controlled "merely 5% of the Budget".

Civilians using trucks resembling ours in Manipur, says Assam Rifles

Paramilitary force warns Manipur Police that 'miscreants' have converted used mini-trucks by painting and marking Assam Rifles insignia; it adds that the vehicles may be used for anti-national activities to tarnish the image of the force

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Assam Rifles has written to the Manipur Police alerting that "a few Meitei miscreants" may use refurbished civilian trucks which resemble vehicles used by the paramilitary force, for "anti-national activities" to tarnish the reputation of the security force.

The letter sent by the Assam Rifles on September 18 to the Churachandpur Superintendent of Police (SP) said it was reliably learnt that "a few Meitei miscreants with the help of VBIGs [Valley-based Insurgent Groups] have acquired many used TATA 407 (mini-trucks) from civil market and have converted them to resemble the vehicles being used by the Assam Rifles by painting and putting the AR insignia".

It said the vehicles are learnt to be located in the Kakching area, a valley district.

Big threat: The armed men in police uniform are a constant challenge for the Central security forces in Manipur. PTI

The letter added that camouflaging the civilian vehicles to make them appear as that of Assam Rifles clearly shows "the nefarious intention of VBIGs to tarnish the image of Assam Rifles or to utilise the same vehicle for anti-national activities".

Several Meitei groups, including BJP legislators, have demanded the withdrawal of the Assam Rifles from the buffer areas, where Kuki and Meitei settlements are adjacent to each other, alleging bias towards Kuki-Zo people. On August 7, the BJP State leadership submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the "Assam Rifles has been charged by the public for their biased role in tackling the situation by favouring and supporting one side only".

The misuse of camouflage and police uniforms has been repeatedly flagged by the Manipur Police. On September 16, the police said there had been "reports of extortion threats, misuse of police uniform and impersonation by armed miscreants".

The police have been making efforts to curb the same and during one such operation they arrested five persons with sophisticated weapons in camouflage uniform.

Following the arrest, widespread protests erupted in the Meitei-dominated valley districts demanding their release.

Complete shutdown

For the past one week, all the valley districts have witnessed complete shutdown and agitation in support of the five men who have been referred to as "village defence volunteers" by the civil society groups.

As reported by *The Hindu* on September 10, armed men in police uniforms are a constant challenge for the Central security forces in violence-hit Manipur.

There have been several instances when men carrying automatic weapons were found firing at the Central security forces deployed in the buffer zones, preceded by blockade and protest by women-led groups.

On July 10, the Assam Rifles registered a criminal case against COCOMI, an influential Meitei civil society organisation, after the outfit gave a call to people "not to surrender weapons." More than 4,000 weapons have been looted from police armouries since May 3 when ethnic violence erupted in Manipur.

Manipur gives report on stolen, missing arms, ammunition

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday opted to wait a "little bit" before seeking a status report from Dattatray Padsalgikar, former Maharashtra Director-General of Police, who was appointed by the Supreme Court to supervise the CBI probe into 11 cases of crimes committed against women and children in the Manipur ethnic violence.

The top court appointed Mr. Padsalgikar on August 7 to "supervise the investigation by the CBI into the FIRs transferred to it and the investigation by the investigative machinery of the State into the remaining FIRs".

Other than the 11 FIRs with the CBI, there are more than 6,500 FIRs, registered between May and July, being investigated by the Manipur Police.

"There is no update so far about the CBI investigation into the 11 FIRs so far," senior advocate Indira Jaising said.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said Mr. Padsalgikar had already visited Manipur. "Allow a little bit of time for the officer to take charge and then we will ask him to give a status report," the Chief Justice told Ms. Jaising.

The Manipur government, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, handed over to the court a confidential status report on the stolen or missing weapons and ammunition used in the violence. The court had agreed to accept the report confidentially as the issue regarding the weapons was "extremely sensitive". The Manipur government had argued against the information becoming a source of panic.

The court scheduled the next hearing for September 25.

Court grants bail to five suspects held in UAPA case

The Hindu Bureau
IMPHAL

A Special NIA court in Imphal granted bail to five armed persons arrested last week by the Manipur Police while they were travelling in police camouflage and with sophisticated arms and ammunition.

The court ruled that while one of the accused, Moirangthem Anand Singh, belonged to a proscribed militant outfit, the police failed to show any material that proved any of the accused had committed any terrorist acts. It said, "The I.O. of the case cannot show strong *prima facie* case against all the accused persons for the commission of terrorist acts and prejudicial activities against the State attracting Section 16 UA(P) Act and Section 121-A of the IPC."

Soon after the bail was granted, Mr. Singh was arrested again and brought to Delhi on a special flight by the NIA. He was arrested in a general case registered to look into banned outfits in Manipur.

Congress wants 'intensive diplomatic' talks with Canada

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The fight against terrorism should be uncompromising, the Congress said on Friday as it urged India and Canada for an "intensive diplomatic engagement to resolve the serious issue".

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh also stressed on ensuring security for thousands of Indian students and professionals working in Canada. "The Congress reiterates that our fight against terrorism has to be uncompromising, especially when terrorism threatens India's sovereignty, unity and integrity," Mr. Ramesh said.

"The Congress hopes that intensive diplomatic engagement between the two countries will help resolve the current serious crisis between India and Canada," he added.

On Thursday, tensions between the two countries escalated, with India suspending the issuance of visas for Canadians.

Mr. Ramesh said there are over 3 lakh Indian-origin students, and thousands of professionals, in Canada and noted that the two countries have shared economic and technological relations and the Shastri Indo-Canada institute was named after Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Visa suspension for Canadians enforced at Indian missions globally

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Even physical applications for Indian visas from Canadian citizens to Indian missions in third countries will not be processed under the suspension of Indian visas for Canadians that the Government of India is enforcing this week. A source clarified to *The Hindu* that the suspension of Indian visas for Canadians has a worldwide scope as Indian missions outside Canada will also not accept walk-in paper visa applications from Canadians as part of the process of suspension.

The person with knowledge of the Indian visa process said that this is mainly because Indian visa application like other visa applications will require Canadians to deposit a visa fees with Indian missions in third countries. "We would not like to receive visa fees if we do not plan to process the visa applications," said the source.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Thursday that normal functioning of the Indian High Commission in Ottawa and other Indian missions has been affected because of "security threats". That apart the spokesperson of the MEA said, e-visas for Canadians were also within the ambit of the suspension.

The suspension is not applicable to those Canadians who hold OCI cards or valid Indian visas

But the latest clarification has broadened the scope of the ban as no Canadian will be entertained in any of the Indian missions spread across the world for an Indian visa. This also indicates that though the suspension is being implemented because of apparent "security threats", it also has bureaucratic and political undercurrents leading to a worldwide implementation through Indian missions. This suspension does not cover those Canadians who hold OCI cards and valid Indian visas.

The visa crisis is a fallout of the controversy triggered by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Monday statement before the House of Commons in which he accused Indian operatives for being behind the June murder of Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey, British Columbia. Subsequently, Canadian missions in India have "decided to temporarily adjust staff presence in India" indicating they were cutting down on diplomatic and non-diplomatic staff employed in India.

Lok Sabha adjourned *sine die*, registers 160% productivity

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Special Session of the Lok Sabha that passed the landmark women's reservation Bill was adjourned *sine die* or indefinitely late on September 21 night after a marathon discussion on the success of the Chandrayaan-3 session.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that the session had four sittings lasted for about 31 hours. And the House recorded a productivity of 160%, he added.

The highlight was the passage of the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill that will provide for 33% reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies. The debate that lasted for 9 hours and 57 minutes saw 60 members including 32 women.

No coercive action against Trinamool leader: HC

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) not to take any coercive action against Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee at this stage of investigation in connection with the school job scam. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, however, did not quash the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), equivalent to an FIR, filed by the ED which had references to Mr. Banerjee.

The court pointed out that ED can continue with the investigation and if required can summon the Trinamool leader.

The ED had filed an ECIR after the arrest and subsequent interrogation of Sujay Krishna Bhadra alias '*Kalighater Kaku (Uncle from Kalighat)*' in July this year.

The interim relief was welcomed by Trinamool Congress. "The court restrained ED from harassing Abhishek further. He is helping in the probe and we know he will continue to assist the investigators," Kunal Ghosh said.

Sanatana Dharma row: SC notice to T.N. govt., Udhayanidhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the Tamil Nadu government and DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin on a petition seeking investigation into his remarks on '*Sanatana Dharma*'.

Udhayanidhi Stalin

A Bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M. Trivedi issued notice on the petition filed by advocate B. Jagannath, represented by advocate G. Balaji, seeking a direction to the State police to immediately register an FIR against Mr. Udhayanidhi and others who participated in the 'Sanatana Dharma Eradication Conference' held on September 2 in Chennai by an organisation called Tamil Nadu Murpoku Ezuthalar Sangam.

The petition also sought a CBI investigation into the incident and unearth "sources responsible for contribution of amount for such organisations and whether there is any element of terror funding involved from across the border".

"The conference was held specifically to target Hinduism (also referred as *Sanatana Dharma*) and to abuse, humiliate, speak in derogatory language and spread hatred towards *Sanatana Dharma*. These acts were first seen in Stalinist Russia for creation of gulags," the petition claimed.

The plea also sought the court to direct the police to submit a report as to how the conference was given permission and why no action was taken against the organisers.

It argued that the participation of State Ministers in an event titled 'Sanatana Dharma Eradication Conference' was unconstitutional and violative of fundamental right to religion.

The Bench initially asked the petitioner to approach the Madras High Court, if necessary, but later went on to issue notice.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
Sports & Youth Services Department
Kalinga Stadium, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-781012
e-mail: deptsportsodisha@gmail:com

NOTICE

Sports and Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha, invites Bids from reputed Agencies for ***'Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Fencing equipment for DSYS, Government of Odisha'.*** Tender document can be downloaded from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in/. Queries could be submitted through e-mail: tender.dsys@odisha.gov.in by 11:00 am on 06.10.2023.

Important Dates and Information:

Date of Publication of RfP	23/09/2023
Pre-bid meeting through VC link: https://meet.google.com/yas-kdeh-avi	07/10/2023,11:00 am
Last date and time of submission of proposal	16/10/2023, 03:00 pm
Opening of the Technical Bid	16/10/2023, 04:00 pm

Sd/ Director, Sports
TT-19 OIPR-29001/11/0064/2324

OSRTC ODISHA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, BHUBANESWAR

The Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC), Bhubaneswar has invited a **Request for Proposal (RFP) For Design, Manufacture and Supply of High-End Ultra Luxury Fully built AC Buses for Managing Public Transport across Tier-III Routes under Annual Maintainace Contract (AMC) model for Odisha State Road Transport Corporation under LAccMI Scheme for OSRTC through the e-tendering process.** The Tender documents will be available on **e-Nivida** at **https://enivida.odisha.gov.in** and **OSRTC** website **www.osrtc.in** on **Dt.22.09.2023**.

The interested firms/agencies should upload their proposals online bids on the e-Nivida Portal may be obtained at **https://enivida.odisha.gov.in** from **Dt.22.09.2023** to **Dt.26.10.2023 up to 3:00 PM** and the same will be opened on **Dt.26.10.2023 at 5:00 PM** at OSRTC conference hall.

For any doubt, agençies/ firms may contact **Mr. Rashmi Pani on 9937567240** to address the issue during office hours.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

General Manager (A), OSRTC, Bhubaneswar
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL (R&B) CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
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E-procurement Tender Call Notice No.15 of 2023-24

No. 3232 (Estg.) Bhubaneswar the 18th September-2023

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid for development, renovation & beautification work of Shree Gopinath Dev Temple at Dandamukundapur G.P. District Puri to be received in online bidding, double cover system as detailed In: **https://tendersorissa.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **5:00 p.m of 25.09.2023 to 5.00 p.m of 09.10.2023.** The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **11.00 A.M. of 10.10.2023** in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

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3	Bid submission end date through e-tendering portal	20.10.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.
4	Technical bid opening date	23.10.2023 at 16.00 hrs.
5	Tender form fee & EMD	Rs.2000/- or equivalent USD.25 (Non-refundable) Rs.5,90,000/- or equivalent USD.7200 per quarry

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CIN: U40100HP2022GOI009237

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Online bids (E-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are invited on behalf of SJVN Green Energy Limited for **"Development of ISTS-Connected Wind Power Project(s) upto capacity of 300 MW anywhere in India and their Comprehensive O&M for Ten Years".**

For details, visit websites: **https://www.bharat-electronictender.com, www.eprocure.gov.in** and **www.sjvn.nic.in.**

Last date for bid submission is **13.10.2023 (13:00 Hrs).**

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INBRIEF

PM to flag off nine Vande Bharat routes tomorrow

Nine new Vande Bharat train routes will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. All of these nine trains will have eight coaches each. The new routes which include a second Vande Bharat train for Kerala will run from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur to Udaipur, Vijayawada to Chennai, Tirunelveli to Chennai, Jamnagar to Ahmedabad, Ranchi to Howrah, Secunderabad (Kacheguda) to Bengaluru (Yesvantpur), Rourkela to Puri and Patna to Howrah. Introduction of the new trains will increase the number of Vande Bharat train routes to 32. While the first Vande Bharat in Kerala passes through Kottayam, the second train will pass through Alappuzha.

Marital rape petitions to be listed in mid-October: CJI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday agreed to list by mid-October a series of petitions seeking the criminalisation of marital rape. "We will list it sometime in mid-October after the Constitution Bench hearings," Chief Justice addressed senior advocate Indira Jaising and advocate Karuna Nundy, who jointly mentioned the case for urgent listing. The petitions are largely triggered by decisions from Karnataka and Delhi High Courts, requiring an authoritative pronouncement from the top court.

Quad Ministers hold talks on rules-based order, UN reform

They discuss helping countries respond to terror attacks; the joint readout reaffirms commitment to a 'free and open' Indo-Pacific, where disputes are settled in accordance with international law

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

Securing the deal: The Quad backed the UN's efforts to restart the Black Sea Grain Initiative. PTI

Meeting early on Friday morning along the fringes of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Foreign Ministers of the Quad (India, Australia, Japan and the U.S.) reaffirmed the group's commitment to a "free and open" Indo-Pacific region, where disputes are settled in accordance with international law. The Quad also committed itself to the principles of the UN charter and reform of the institution. A new initiative to help countries respond to terror attacks was also discussed on Friday, as per a joint readout of the meeting.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his counterparts discussed the outcome of the Quad Counter-terrorism Working Group's Consequence Management Exercise, which studied how the Quad could help regional countries that had experienced terror attacks. The Working Group is next scheduled to meet in Hawaii in December, where it will conduct a 'tabletop' exercise. The Ministers stressed their commitment to countering terrorism, including terror financing and cross-border movement of terrorists and curbing the use of emerging technologies for terror purposes. On Ukraine, the Quad readout struck a similar note to the recent G-20 joint statement from New Delhi. It expressed "deep concern", calling for a "just" and "lasting" peace in Ukraine, without naming Russia as the aggressor.

"We express our deep concern over the war raging in Ukraine and mourn its terrible and tragic humanitarian consequences," the statement said, adding, "We underscore the need for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Ukraine in accordance with international law, consistent with the principles of the UN Charter."

The Quad also backed the UN's efforts to restart the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI), a deal that secures the export of grain from Ukraine and Russia. The agreement had expired in July with countries calling for its resumption, including at the G-20 in New Delhi. The joint statement also calls for "comprehensive" UN reform, including expanding permanent and non-permanent representation on the UN Security Council.

"We underscore the need to address attempts to subvert the international system, including in the UN, and promote accountability," the statement said, presumably referring to Russia's use of the veto on the Security Council in actions related to the conflict in Ukraine.

On North Korea, the statement condemned Pyongyang's "destabilising" missile launches and pursuit of nuclear weapons. On Myanmar, the Quad supported a transition to an "inclusive federal democracy" and the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus (an April 2021 agreement between the Myanmar junta and the ASEAN group of countries). The group reiterated its commitment to practical initiatives in the Indo-Pacific region, including the Quad Infrastructure Fellowship Programme, a pandemic preparedness exercise, and the development of a "trusted and secure" telecommunications network.

External Affairs Minister kick-starts nine-day visit to U.S.

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

Jaishankar will address the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar arrived in New York, early on Friday morning, kick-starting his nine-day visit to the U.S., to address the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and for bilateral and plurilateral meetings in New York and Washington DC.

The Minister's visit comes at the end of a tumultuous week in international relations, with the Indian and Canadian governments engaged in a diplomatic brawl over the killing of a Sikh separatist leader in British Columbia in June this year.

Early on Friday, Mr. Jaishankar met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and the new Japanese Foreign Minister Yōko Kamikawa, for the Quad ministerial meeting.

"Discussed defending the rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific and delivering on Quad commitments," Mr. Jaishankar wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

"Always value our collective contribution to doing global good," he said.

The Minister is due to address the General Assembly on Tuesday – later than has been in recent years. A number of heads of state and government, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are not attending this year's UN 'High Level Week'.

Mr. Jaishankar is scheduled to attend a special event, 'India-UN for Global South: Delivering for Development', on Saturday. He will also have discussions with UN Secretary-General António Guterres and UNGA President Dennis Francis.

In Washington, Mr. Jaishankar will have bilateral talks with Mr. Blinken, as well as interactions with think tanks and business leaders.

SC rejects petitions to lift ban on sale, use of firecrackers in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The court told the Delhi Police to regulate violations of the ban on firecrackers in the capital.

The Supreme Court on Friday rejected pleas to include barium as an ingredient in fireworks while retaining the prohibition on the sale and bursting of joint crackers.

A Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and M.M. Sundresh told the authorities and the Delhi Police to regulate violations of the ban on firecrackers in the national capital.

Justice Bopanna, who read out the order, signed off by wishing the parties a hearty "Happy Diwali".

When the court had reserved the case for order, the Bench had said that filing cases against persons bursting crackers during festivals like Deepavali may not be the solution against the dangers fireworks pose to health and environment. The court was reacting to a report submitted by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, for the Delhi Police, on the number of cases registered against sale, storage and bursting of crackers and the number of persons arrested.

The report shows that from 2016 to August 31, 2023, 926 cases were registered for sale and storage of firecrackers and 3,120 cases for bursting crackers. The police had arrested 2,616 persons for bursting crackers and 740 for sale and storage.

No signals from Vikram and Pragyan: space agency

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which was hoping to awaken the Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander and Pragyan rover on Friday, says it has not received any signals from either of the two, despite continuing efforts to establish communications.

On September 2, the rover was put into sleep mode; two days later, on September 4, the lander was also put to sleep, following the end of one lunar day.

"Hoping for their awakening, around September 22, 2023," ISRO had said on September 4.

Nilesh M. Desai, Director of the Space Applications Centre, said that efforts were on to establish contact with the lander and the rover, adding that it could happen anytime.

'NEET-PG students will be offered all available seats'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Seats will be offered through online counselling to students

The Health Ministry on Friday clarified that its recent directive to reduce the cut-off or qualifying percentile for NEET-PG, 2023 to "zero" across all categories will translate into seats being offered to students till they are exhausted. This will be done through an online, transparent, counselling process which will do away with the alleged backdoor entry that was offered through some private colleges, it said.

"This does not mean that even students getting zero are eligible for a seat," said a senior Health Ministry official, clarifying the directive issued earlier this week. "For students, this means that admission through the counselling process will be on till seats are available. This year alone, of the 68,000 seats that are available, 13,000 still haven't been taken up," he said.

The official added that this not only caused seats to go vacant, but also led to a shortage of faculty for some subjects.

"Seats will continue to be awarded as per merit, and because it's being done in a transparent manner, there will be no exploitation of the students. The drop in percentile will make several more students eligible for admissions," the official said.

Panel calls for revising rules of construction around protected ASI monuments

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A view of the Ellora caves.

A parliamentary panel has observed that the provision of 100-metre prohibited area and 300-metre regulated area around all monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has pitted the local community against these heritage structures in many places as they find it difficult to carry out necessary repair work of their residential spaces.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport Tourism and Culture has asked the government to revise the rules to make them realistic. It has also recommended rationalising the application of such rules based on the historical significance of the monuments.

"In some cases, the entire village is within a radius of 300 metres, which makes it difficult for the entire village to carry out repair work of their residential houses. Such a situation in many places creates a hostile scenario, pitching the local community against the monuments," it said in a report submitted to the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

The prohibited and restricted area provision was introduced in 2010 through an amendment to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958. It prohibits and regulates all activities like mining and construction around 100 metres and 300 metres. The Central government has already said that it was in the process of amending the Act.

The committee went on to say that at present, the same set of rules apply to both significant and insignificant monuments.

"For example, the rules above apply identically to the iconic Ajanta and Ellora monuments and Kos Minars, unknown cemetaries and tombs etc.," it said.

It also recommended that the list of all 3,691 ASI-protected monuments be rationalised and categorised based on their national significance, unique architectural value and specific heritage content.

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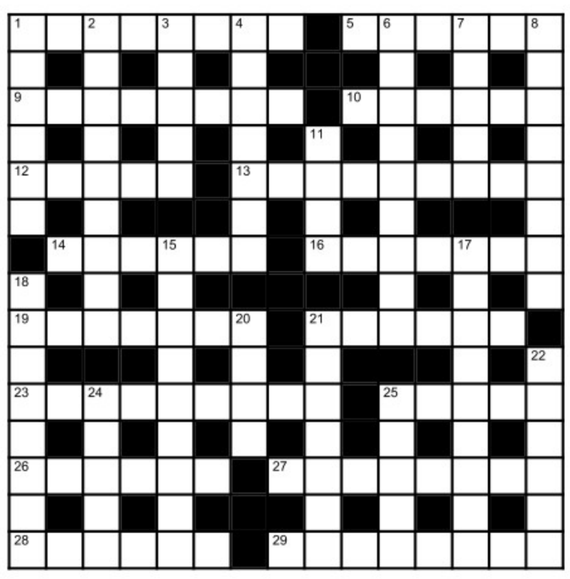

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12 Partly drop western article on couch (5)
13 Enthusiastic engineer damages extra bun (9)
14 Perhaps Newton and editor joined forces (6)
16 Opening in gate perhaps provided diamonds (7)
19 Attempt to break European journey - it's done for vanity (3,4)
21 Knight with breather left out fun mostly to discipline (4,2)
23 Pint seems to be brewed in free space (9)
25 Block the ball outside line that is not sharp (5)
26 Boiled chai, it is something good for the health (3-3)
27 Reputation of Eastern soldiers outside Indiana church (8)
28 Plan from a man almost joining district attorney (6)
29 Partly create trace of shape of moon (8)

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1 At home, team is within doors (6)
2 Take down old building for martial art (9)
3 Rule of precipitation we heard (5)
4 Salary is a small reward at last (7)
6 Increase of one arctic fault (9)
7 Any luau of Hawaii always starts with this (5)
8 Let it end in a bad way - it's authorized (8)
11 Half the people reading a sentence on ordinary self-defence technique (4)
15 Tainted sailor back in small building (9)
17 Power of fine uncle in trouble (9)
18 Setter in depression, primarily in a state of mental deterioration (8)
20 Baked food right by promenade near water (4)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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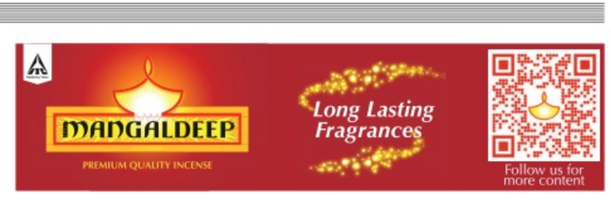


FAITH

The three yogas

One need not look beyond the Vedas for liberating knowledge. The Vedas never question the empirical utility of the world. When we include vedic-based system in our life, we will find it easier to dovetail the three yogas, and prepare for moksha which is the ultimate goal, said Swami Paramarthananda in a discourse.

We live in a materialistic society, with constant display of money and its pleasures. Lord Krishna says, "Society can be prosperous, improve quality of life, pleasure and comfort but such a society can never have dharma, nor moksha. Those materialistic, atheistic people are as invalidated as the empty pleasures." Saint Tyagaraja has sung on '*álpa sukham*'. If we are enslaved by fickle sense organs, we will have fleeting satisfaction, but not fulfilment.

Bhakti, Gnana and Karma are three yogic ways of attaining moksha. Lord Krishna recommends the Karma Yoga as the easiest and simplest of the three paths leading to the same goal. In this world if one enjoys some advantage or disadvantage it is because of the karma of one's previous lives. Realising this and acting virtuously at all times is key to staying on the right path. Sanatana Dharma does not condemn anyone, eternally. All are enabled to lead a true dharmic life, whatever be one's circumstance, to uplift oneself spiritually.

JERUSALEM

Israeli forces kill Palestinian militant in occupied West Bank

REUTERS

Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian militant on Friday during clashes with troops in the occupied West Bank, the military and an armed group said. He is the sixth Palestinian killed in Israeli incursions into Palestinian-governed areas in the West Bank since Tuesday. AFP

NEW YORK

U.S. Senator Menendez hit with bribery charges over Egypt ties

REUTERS

U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and his wife have been charged with bribery offences, federal prosecutors said on Friday. The Attorney's office in Manhattan accused them of accepting bribes in exchange for using Mr. Menendez's influence as a Senator to seek to protect the businessmen, and benefit the Government of Egypt. REUTERS

YEREVAN

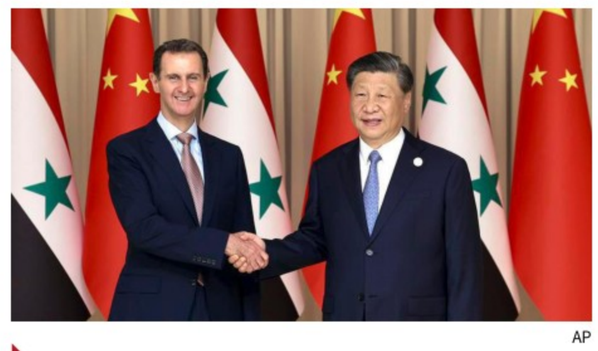
Karabakh separatist stronghold encircled but ceasefire holds

REUTERS

Residents in Nagorno-Karabakh's separatist stronghold cowered in basements on Friday as a fragile ceasefire held two days after Azerbaijan reclaimed control of the region in a lightning offensive. Ethnic-Armenian authorities from the breakaway territory said Baku's forces were stationed on the outskirts of main city. AFP

BEIJING

Syria, China announce strategic partnership ahead of Asian Games



AP

China and Syria announced the formation of a strategic partnership on Friday as Chinese leader Xi Jinping kicked off a series of diplomatic meetings ahead of the upcoming Asian Games. Mr. Xi met Syrian President Bashar Assad in the southern Chinese city of Hangzhou, which is hosting the 15-day sports competition. AP

Ukraine hits Russia's Black Sea Fleet base in Crimea

One service-member was reportedly killed in the massive attack on Friday; the Crimean Peninsula has been a frequent target since Russia ordered a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine struck the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet in a missile attack on Friday that left a serviceman missing and the main building smouldering, according to officials on both sides of the conflict and images from the scene in annexed Crimea.

The Russian Defence Ministry initially said one service-member was killed but then issued a subsequent statement saying he was missing following the attack in the port city of in Sevastopol.

The Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014 in an act that most of the world considered illegal, has been a frequent target since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a full-scale invasion of Ukraine almost 19 months ago.

Strategic strike: Ukrainian officials did not immediately confirm or deny that Kyiv had launched missiles at Sevastopol. AFP

Previous attacks resulted in several civilian deaths, but Russian officials have not yet reported any military personnel killed.

Six people were reported wounded following a July 2022 attack on the Black Sea Fleet headquarters, but it was not clear whether they were civilians or service-members.

The Russian-installed governor of Sevastopol, Mikhail Razvozhayev, said no one was injured on Friday outside of the burning headquarters building, but he didn't provide information on other casualties. Firefighters battled the blaze, and more emergency forces were being brought in, an indication the fire could be massive.

Ukrainian officials have claimed responsibility for a series of other recent attacks on Crimea but didn't immediately confirm or deny that Kyiv had launched missiles at Sevastopol on Friday.

In an apparent acknowledgement of Ukraine's responsibility for the barrage, the country's Air Force commander posted a video of air sirens blazing and smoke rising from the building along with a message thanking the pilots.

The reported attack came a day after Russian missiles and artillery pounded cities across Ukraine, killing at least five people.

U.S. talking to India about Canada murder: NSA

Reuters
WASHINGTON

The U.S. is in touch with Indians at high levels after Ottawa said Indian government agents had links to the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in Canada, and Washington is giving India no "special exemption" in the matter, U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said on Thursday.

The United States has been seeking to strengthen its relationship with India.

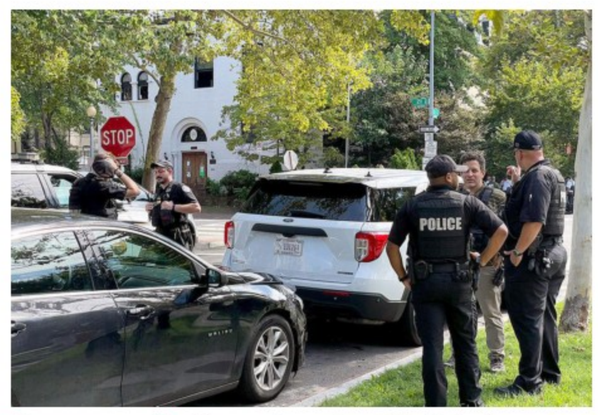
Asked whether U.S. concern over the incident could disrupt that process, Mr. Sullivan said the United States would stand up for its principles, regardless of what country is affected.

"There is not some special exemption," Mr. Sullivan said.

U.S. warns against attacks on diplomatic missions

Narayan Lakshman

The U.S. State Department has issued a caution against attacking foreign missions on its soil, in the wake of a spiralling diplomatic crisis between India and Canada relating to the murder of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's subsequent comments in Parliament that agents of the Government of India were linked to the killing.



Strong preparation: Increased security outside the Indian Embassy in Washington DC before a protest last month.

In response to a query from *The Hindu*, a State Department spokesperson said: "Vandalism or violence against diplomatic facilities or foreign diplomats in the U.S. is a criminal offence, and we take any threats against facilities or personnel extremely seriously."

The comments come in the wake of numerous threats received by Indian diplomatic missions including from Sikhs for Justice, a United States-based group that is banned in India, to "Shutdown Indian Missions" on September 25.

The State Department comments are likely aimed at pre-empting violent attacks on Indian diplomatic missions in the United States, of the sort that happened in March 2023, when alleged pro-Khalistan persons illegally entered the premises of the Indian Consulate in San Francisco and attempted to vandalise property.

Outrage grows over cases against Muhammad Yunus

Arun Devnath
DHAKA

Outrage is growing as Muhammad Yunus, the chairman of Grameen Telecom, faces a barrage of court cases tied to employment-related violations in what rights organisations called harassment of the Nobel laureate by the Bangladesh government.

A criminal case that alleges three breaches under the Labour Act has gathered speed and may lead to a jail sentence. Mr. Yunus and three other board members – Ashraful Hassan, Nurjahan Begum and M Shahjahan – face the same charges.

This is just one of more than 150 cases filed against Mr. Yunus after the Awami League came to power in 2008, according to Amnesty International.

Initiating criminal proceedings against Mr. Yunus and his colleagues for issues that belong to the civil and administrative arena is a "blatant abuse of labour laws and the justice system and a form of political retaliation for his work and dissent", Amnesty said in a statement.

The case is "emblematic of the beleaguered state of human rights in Bangladesh, where the authorities have eroded freedoms and bulldozed critics into submission", said Agnès Callamard, secretary general of Amnesty.

"The abuse of laws and misuse of the justice system to settle vendettas is inconsistent and incompatible with international human rights treaties including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Bangladesh is a state party," said Ms. Callamard. "It is time for the government to put an end to this travesty of justice."

Volley of charges: Noble Laureate and founder of Grameen Bank Muhammad Yunus at a conference in December 2017. FILE PHOTO

In the case, a labour inspector from a government agency alleges that employees of Grameen Telecom were not classified as permanent workers after the probationary period. Employees were not granted annual leave with pay or money against earned leave, according to the second allegation. And the accused failed to establish a worker welfare fund by depositing 5% of the company's net profit.

Open letter

The latest development prompted more than 170 global leaders, including Nobel laureates, to write an open letter to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 28, demanding the immediate suspension of the current judicial proceedings against Mr. Yunus, followed by a review of the charges by a panel of impartial judges.

"We hope that you ensure the resolution of these legal issues in an expedient, impartial, and just manner while also ensuring a free, fair, and participatory national election in the coming months, and respect for all human rights," they added.

The Bangladesh government reacted to this letter, saying an alternative process of reviewing the charges against Mr. Yunus and his "cohorts" is "incompatible with Bangladesh's established judicial system".

"This is not the first time that Dr. Muhammad Yunus and his aides have resorted to international lobbying in the face of legal consequences for their alleged or proven violation of law," the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka said in a statement on September 1.

"The allegations of persecution or harassment seem to follow a pattern that stems from a victim mentality using human rights and democracy as an expedient cover," the Ministry said.

Individuals 'undermining Bangladesh elections' face U.S. visa curbs

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In a move likely to leave a mark on the upcoming election season in Dhaka, the United States has started imposing visa restrictions on individuals that it considers are "involved in undermining the democratic election process in Bangladesh".

The U.S. Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya, shared the announcement of the U.S. decision on her X account (formerly Twitter), just hours after she met with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is currently in New York for the UN General Assembly's annual meeting.

The ban may be applicable not just for the individuals themselves, but also for their families.

This action is a follow-up and implementation of a May 24 statement by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken regarding visa restrictions on Bangladeshi individuals responsible for undermining democratic process in their own country.

Significantly, Ms. Hasina had participated in the G-20 summit in Delhi between September 9 and 10, where Bangladesh was invited as a "guest country". During that visit, the Bangladeshi PM had met with U.S. President Joe Biden informally on the sidelines of a dinner.

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TENDER FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

Coconut Development Board is inviting tender for empanelment of agencies for supply of agricultural inputs - Chemical fertilizers: Urea/Ammonium Sulphate, Rock phosphate/Single Super Phosphate, Muriate of Potash (MOP), Magnesium Sulphate (MgSO4); Borax, Lime, Neem cake, Plant Protection Chemicals, Green Manure Seeds etc. in the state of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh for the year 2023-24.

The tender form and terms and conditions can be downloaded from Board's website www.coconutboard.gov.in. The last date for the receipt of the sealed tender is 21 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the newspaper before 2.00 pm.

Place: Kochi
23-09-2023

R. Madhu
Secretary

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The **Chief Engineer (Procurement)** invites e-tender for the following construction works:-

Work Details	Description of Work
PROJECT-1	Kuilapur 220 kV GI sub-station including supply of power transformer.
	D/C LILO of STPS-Asansol 220 kV D/C Line at proposed Kuilapur 220 kV GI sub-station ***(RL ≈ 0.25 KM D/C and 0.68 KM D/C on M/C Tower-OH Line).***
PROJECT-2	Saltora 132/33 kV GI sub-station with 4 nos. 132 kV Feeder Bays, 2 x 31.5 MVA, 132/33 kV Transformer Bay and 12 nos. 33 kV Feeder Bays.
	D/C LILO of Bankura-Raghunathpur 132 kV D/C Transmission Line at proposed Saltora 132 kV GI sub-station ***(RL ≈ 14.70 KM D/C-OH Line).***
PROJECT-3	132 kV and 33 kV Bay for 4th 50 MVA transformer and supply and erection of 2 nos. earthing transformer at existing Uluberia 132 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-4	132 kV GIS Bay and 33 kV outdoor AIS Bay for 3rd 50 MVA transformer along with construction of 5 nos. 33 kV outdoor AIS Bay and supply and erection of earthing transformer in existing Bajkul 132 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-5	220 kV and 132 kV outdoor AIS Bay for 3rd 160 MVA transformer along with construction of outdoor 132 kV AIS and indoor 33 kV Bay for 3rd 50 MVA transformer including extension of 33 kV control room at Sadaipur 220 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-6	132 kV and 33 kV Bay for 4th 50 MVA transformer and associated work at existing Arambag 400 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-7	2 nos. 220 kV Line Bay at Asansol 220/132 kV sub-station for connectivity to 400/220 kV Maithon sub-station (PGCIL).
	220 kV D/C Transmission Line from Maithon 400 kV sub-station (PGCIL) to Asansol 220 kV sub-station ***(D/C RL ≈ 17.50 KM-OH Line and D/C RL ≈ 2.10 KM-UG Cable).***
PROJECT-8	Construction of 132 kV D/C Transmission Line from Baruipur 220 kV GI sub-station to suitable point of Serakol-Hotor 132 kV S/C Transmission Line (on D/C Tower) for establishing Baruipur-Serakol 132 kV D/C connectivity ***(D/C RL ≈ 5.60 KM-OH Line and S/C RL ≈ 0.40 KM-OH Line).***

Bid documents can be downloaded from 23.09.2023, 11:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted up to 04:00 P.M., 31.10.2023. Visit the following websites:- https://wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbsetcl.in for details. ICA- T19722(3)/2023

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Bids for NRM Works (Anicut, MPT, Pond etc. under PMKSY 2.0 Project Area in Block Itawa and Sultanpur (2 Package) of estimated value INR 588.93 Lacs are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 PM, 24.09.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES CIRCLE JAIPUR

No. 2613 Date: 16.09.2023

Short Term E-NIB no - 09/2023-24

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bid for the work "Renovation Work of Anicut between Dulhepura and Math GP.-Dulhepura Rs 223.16 Lakh" is invited from eligible bidders up to 06:00 PM on dated 28.09.2023 and financial bid will be opened on dated 29.09.2023 at 3:00 PM.

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state.

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INBRIEF

Revival could be derailed by lessors' demands: Go First

Grounded airline Go First's revival could be derailed if a court agrees to demands of aircraft lessors, who are seeking certain records after jet parts went missing or faced deterioration, according to legal filings from the carrier. Foreign lessors have been locked in a legal tussle to repossess their aircraft after Go First was granted bankruptcy protection in May, which, as per Indian law, imposed a block on the recovery of 50-plus grounded Airbus planes. REUTERS

SBI raises ₹10,000 crore via issue of infrastructure bonds

State Bank of India (SBI) said it had raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.49% through the issue of infrastructure bonds. "The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors with bids of ₹21,045.10 crore and was subscribed by more than 5 times against the base issue size of ₹4,000 crore," SBI said in a statement. With the current issuance, the total outstanding long-term bonds issued by the bank now stands at ₹39,718 crore.

TVS ILP's new warehouse to support U.S.-based First Solar

TVS Industrial & Logistics Park (a part of TVS Mobility Group) is establishing a warehouse in Pillaipakkam, near Chennai, to support U.S.-based First Solar's vertically-integrated, solar-manufacturing facility located adjacent to the proposed warehouse. The ground-breaking ceremony for the warehouse happened recently, TVS ILP said in a statement. Work on the facility is scheduled to be completed in Q1 of 2024 and would provide job opportunities to 200.

'Oil price a concern but no alarm yet'

Tur imports to cool pulses prices, some other food prices are easing already, Finance Ministry emphasises in monthly review of economy; flags monsoon deficit's likely impact on kharif, rabi crops as another key risk to economic outlook

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Oil watch

Finance Ministry admits the 'steadily climbing' global crude oil prices pose a risk to the economic outlook

- Terms a likely stock market dip 'in the wake of an overdue global stock market correction' an 'ever-present' risk
- Economic outlook on track for a 'baseline estimate' of 6.5% real GDP growth this fiscal
- Ministry says it sees incipient signs of a new private sector formation cycle

The recent run-up in global crude oil prices is a concern for the Indian economy but doesn't yet warrant alarm, and prices of some food items that had spurred inflation above 7% in July are "on the retreat" while those of others like tur dal will ease once imports hit the market, the Finance Ministry said.

Apart from "steadily climbing" oil prices, the ministry identified the monsoon deficit, which could impact both kharif and rabi crops, as another risk to the economic outlook, and termed a likely stock market dip "in the wake of an overdue global stock market correction" as an "ever-present" risk.

The economic outlook remained bright and on track for a "baseline estimate" of 6.5% real GDP growth this year, the ministry said in its economic review for August. It stressed that the "momentum of economic activity" from the first quarter, when GDP grew 7.8%, has "been carried forward" into the second quarter and there are "incipient signs of a new private sector formation cycle".

The ministry cited high frequency indicators such as record e-way bills and electronic toll collections as signs of healthy economic activity. It pointed to a 4.2% uptick in capital goods imports in the first quarter to suggest higher public capital spending had begun to crowd in private investment.

"Private sector is in good health as data on advance tax payments... confirm," the ministry noted, asserting that businesses were 'investing'.

"The U.S. 10-year bond yield has crossed 4.3%, and the S&P 500 index is not too far from its all-time high. The risks of a stock market correction and geopolitical developments could potentially hurt investment sentiment in the second half... But, the impact of these developments on underlying economic activity in India should be relatively contained," it averred.

While the ministry acknowledged the August monsoon deficit could impact both kharif and rabi crops, it termed September's rains "heartening" as it had erased a part of the overall deficit.

JP Morgan's decision to lower govt.'s borrowing cost, free up liquidity: CEA

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

V. Anantha Nageswaran

JP Morgan's move to include Indian government bonds in its global emerging market bond indices could potentially lower the country's sovereign borrowing costs, help finance the current account deficit and free up liquidity for domestic financiers to deploy in more productive assets, Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran said on Friday.

In a September 21 note, JP Morgan conveyed India's inclusion into its emerging market bond indices from June 28, 2024, starting with a 1% exposure to 23 "index eligible" bonds with a "combined notional value of $330 billion".

The bonds' inclusion would be staggered over 10 months till March 2025 when the Indian securities were expected to reach their maximum weight of 10%, it said.

Benefits of inclusion

"Everything else being equal, an incremental source of demand should see the... government's borrowing costs come down but the order of magnitude is difficult to determine at this stage," Mr. Nageswaran said, replying to a query from *The Hindu*.

Foreign ownership in the Indian government bonds market, reckoned to be the third-largest among emerging markets at $1.2 trillion, is less than 2%, one of the lowest among its peers. Higher foreign ownership would "relieve" the Indian financial system from having to be these bonds' biggest buyers and thus be in a position to lend that money for more productive purposes, Mr. Nageswaran observed.

The move may also trigger some appreciation of the rupee, which could prove a challenge as keeping it competitive is also important, and expose bond and currency markets to external turbulence, but on balance, the benefits outweigh such concerns, the CEA said.

'India g-secs to attract $30 bn on entry into JPM's indices'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The inclusion of Indian government bonds in JP Morgan's bond indices could draw foreign fund inflows in the range of $30-$40 billion over the next 18 months, analysts reckon.

Goldman Sachs' economists estimated the inclusion could prompt passive inflows of about $30 billion and at least another $10 billion from other funds. "So India could see inflows upwards of $40 bn over the next 1.5 years," they wrote.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,009	-0.33
US Dollar	82.94	0.23
Gold	60,000	-0.28
Brent oil	93.61	0.07

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2464.90	-14.35
Adani Ports	827.05	-4.05
Apollo Hosp	4989.55	-30.50
Asian Paints	3274.85	30.65
Axis Bank	1018.25	3.80
Bajaj Auto	5001.05	-84.15
Bajaj Finserv	1543.70	17.50
Bajaj Finance	7471.35	-12.85
Bharti Airtel	911.40	-6.55
BPCL	351.95	-3.30
Britannia Ind	4564.65	6.10
Cipla	1185.90	-20.50
Coal India	283.35	2.90
Divis Lab	3705.05	-41.75
Dr Reddys Lab	5517.05	-151.45
Eicher Motors	3409.45	-26.40
Grasim Ind	1911.95	0.45
HCL Tech	1273.70	-4.30
HDFC Bank	1529.65	-23.70
HDFC Life	649.45	5.20
Hero MotoCorp	3022.70	21.75
Hindalco	478.85	-0.70
Hind Unilever	2482.45	9.10
ICICI Bank	950.30	-9.00
IndusInd Bank	1452.90	41.60
Infosys	1496.15	-5.60
ITC	443.10	-4.40
JSW Steel	774.05	-4.30
Kotak Bank	1756.45	0.75
L&T	2918.50	19.15
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5427.50	33.35
M&M	1607.15	23.90
Maruti Suzuki	10535.15	250.85
NestleIndia	22532.50	-1.00
NTPC	237.95	-1.00
ONGC	185.10	-1.60
PowerGrid Corp	199.15	-2.45
Reliance Ind	2354.95	-9.85
SBI Life	1318.85	-15.35
State Bank	598.15	10.00
Sun Pharma	1132.35	-13.80
TataConsumerProduct	877.75	6.75
Tata Motors	620.45	-6.60
Tata Steel	126.75	-1.05
TCS	3603.65	18.35
Tech Mahindra	1305.35	13.70
Titan	3274.50	-30.00
UltraTech Cement	8187.40	-126.15
UPL	614.80	-10.25
Wipro	418.50	-10.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 22

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.73	83.05
Euro	87.99	88.34
British Pound	101.32	101.71
Japanese Yen (100)	55.81	56.03
Chinese Yuan	11.33	11.37
Swiss Franc	91.25	91.61
Singapore Dollar	60.58	60.83
Canadian Dollar	61.49	61.73
Malaysian Ringitt	17.64	17.72
Australian Dollar	53.33	53.54

Source:Indian Bank

'Financial inclusion requires more rural ATMs'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Highlighting low-penetration of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in India, Sudhakar Kaza, former Principal Chief General Manager, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), said there were about 2.5 to 2.6 lakh ATMs nationwide, and suggested, "at least one ATM per village to synergise digital and traditional payment transactions". He sought RBI to invite more companies to become White Label ATM Operators (non-banking ATM operators). Mr. Kaza was participating on a webinar on financial inclusion, organised by The Dialogue, a think tank.

'Data show textile exports likely reviving'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Textile and apparel exports turned positive last month after more than six months of contraction, as per data shared by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI).

With exports worth $2,951.9 million in August 2023, the year-on-year (y-o-y) growth was 4.33%. While textile exports increased 14%, apparel exports declined 8.15%.

Cumulative exports of textiles and apparel for April-August, however, were 10.5% lower y-o-y.

"It (growth registered in textile exports) is too early to call it a trend," said S.K. Sundararaman, chairman of Southern India Mills' Association. "We need to wait and see for another three or four months."

"Usually demand and exports pick up during the September-March period," said Siddhartha Rajagopal, ED, Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

"Garment demand is also expected to revive in December-January of FY24. The situation is not rosy. But, the growth will be sustained," he added.

'Micron to break ground for $2.75 bn chip plant'

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Micron Technology Inc. will break ground for its $2.75 billion semiconductor plant in Gujarat on Saturday, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar told reporters on Friday.

The progress on the plant "signals that there is a growth that is currently not visible but will soon manifest itself," Mr. Chandrasekhar asserted.

The U.S.-headquartered company's plant is being built with Union and State government subsidies amounting to 70% of the project cost.

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'Demand for cement to rise 10-12% this fiscal'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Demand for cement is expected to rise 10-12% year-on-year to 440 million tonnes (MT) in FY24 due to strong offtake from the infrastructure sector, rating agency Crisil said in a report.

"Combined with stable cement prices and softening power and fuel costs, operating profit of manufacturers is expected to recover by ₹200 per tonne from a multi-year low of ₹770 per tonne last fiscal," Crisil said.

According to the rating agency, government spending on infrastructure development, which accounts for 30% of annual cement sales, will drive demand.

The housing segment, which accounts for 55% of cement demand, is expected to see steady growth owing to healthy traction in rural housing and urban real estate execution, Crisil said. Continued government focus on affordable housing under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana will also support demand, the rating agency added.

Regency Ceramics draws up ₹100-cr. plan to revive Yanam unit

N. Anand
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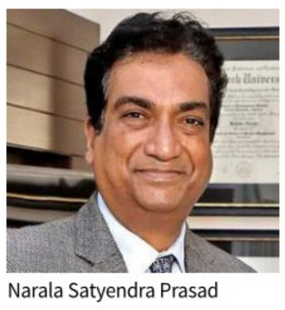
Narala Satyendra Prasad

Tile manufacturer Regency Ceramics Ltd. (RCL) has chalked out a ₹100-crore plan to revive its Yanam manufacturing unit which was closed due to massive industrial riots in 2012, said Executive Director Narala Satyendra Prasad.

"We have initiated the ground work and the first line will be up and running by December 2023 and the remaining three lines in phases by FY25," he said during an interaction.

According to Mr. Prasad, the first three lines will have an installed production capacity of 7,000 sq.mt. each per day, and the fourth line with 4,000 sq.mt. per day.

RCL needs about ₹100 crore to import, refurbish or replace certain plant and machinery. Promoters will chip in with ₹20-25 crore and the rest will be met through borrowings and term loans, he added.

SPOILER

Rain dampens Indian contingent's welcome ceremony, flag hoisting

The official welcoming ceremony for the Indian contingent and the flag hoisting at the Athletes Village took place on Friday, amidst a steady drizzle. Only a handful of Indian athletes turned up. Chef-de-mission Bhupinder Singh Bajwa was accompanied by deputy CDMs M.M. Somayya and Ravinder Chaudhary.

SHAMISPEAK

'When you get your rhythm, you get satisfaction from deep inside'

Mohammed Shami said he was trying to keep things simple when asked about the peach of a delivery that dismissed Steve Smith in the first ODI at Mohali. "I was trying to hit good length and bowl at the top of off-stump. On a day like this, when you get your rhythm, you get satisfaction from deep inside," said the speedster.

WORLD CUP BONANZA

Winner to be richer by $4 million, the runner-up by $2 million

The winner of the upcoming ODI World Cup will get a prize purse of USD 4 million (approximately ₹33 crore) while the runner-up will get richer by USD 2 million (approximately ₹16 crore), the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Friday. The two losing semifinalists will get USD 800,000 (₹6 crore approximately) each.

SHORTLISTED

Caicedo, Kerr and Zaneratto in FIFA's Puskas Award nominations

Goals scored by Linda Caicedo (*in pic*), Sam Kerr and Bia Zaneratto at the Women's World Cup were among 11 nominated by FIFA on Friday for the annual Puskas Award. Fans worldwide will pick, on FIFA's website, their top three goals scored since the men's World Cup ended last December until the end of the Women's World Cup.

India's Road to Paris 2024 via Hangzhou

The country tends to excel in the continental extravaganza but often comes up short on the Olympic stage; going up against the Asian powerhouses will be the best dress rehearsal

ASIAN GAMES

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Hope floats: India will fancy its chances in athletics, chess, kabaddi, archery, bridge and cricket. PTI

The 19th edition of the Asian Games presents a valuable opportunity to gauge India's performance against top Asian competitors, just 10 months ahead of the Paris Olympics.

Historically, India tends to excel in the Asian Games but struggles to replicate this success on the Olympic stage. In the previous cycle, India secured 70 medals (16 gold, 23 silver, and 31 bronze) in 36 sports at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, but managed only seven (1G, 2S, 4B) across 18 disciplines at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. In the cycle before that, India had won 57 medals (28 events) in 2014 Incheon but just two (15 sports) at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

India is expected to contest for gold in athletics, chess, Esports, squash, kabaddi, compound archery, bridge and cricket; however, except athletics, the other events are not part of the Olympic programme.

The country's top contender is javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra. He has consistently finished on top of the podium at different competitions. Neeraj, who will be defending his title here, is seen as the frontrunner.

In athletics, there are 40 gold medals on offer and the Indians have an opportunity to improve on their 2018 Games' tally of eight.

India has a few chinks in its armour, but will be the favourite to win the men's hockey gold in Hangzhou and seal an automatic Olympics berth. Competitions in Paris will be tough as Australia, World champion Germany, European champion Netherlands, and the ever-improving Great Britain are also in the mix.

In badminton, the Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will look to go the distance. The two hold the second position in the world rankings behind Indonesia's Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto. In men's singles, the resurgent H.S. Prannoy could spring a surprise or two.

On the other hand, two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu has fallen out of the top-10 this year. If the Indian shuttlers aim to compete for Olympic glory next year, they will need to outperform the dominant Asian nations – China, Indonesia, and South Korea.

As World boxing champions, Nikhat Zareen (50kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) enter the ring as strong favourites. However, both have been absent from competitive boxing since the World Championships in March. Even if India strikes it rich at the Asian Games here, the competition pool will get wider at the Olympics as the top-four Olympic medal-winning countries – USA, Cuba, Great Britain and Italy – will join the fray.

Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu suffered a reverse when China's Jiang Huihua broke the Indian's clean-and-jerk world record by lifting 120kg in the 49kg women's category at the World Championships. How Mirabai responds to the challenge will be intriguing.

In shooting, among the 33 Indians in contention, the focus will be on Mehuli Ghosh and Rudrankksh B. Patil in 10m air rifle.

India will hope to do well in compound archery, especially after it bagged three golds in last month's World Championships (compound archery will not be part of the Paris programme). In recurve, India will find the going tough against South Korea, China and Japan.

The Indian wrestlers have a rich legacy at global and continental competitions, and the 18 Indians who will enter the mat will battle for podium finishes.

Successful day for Indian paddlers

Sports Bureau
HANGZHOU

The Indian men's table tennis team consolidated its position at the top of Group F with wins over Yemen and Singapore at the Gongshu Canal Sports Park Gymnasium on Friday.

Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai had straight games victories in their respective singles matches in a 3-0 sweep of Yemen.

Later in the day, Sathiyan's twin wins were instrumental in a 3-1 win over Singapore.

In the women's team, Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula and Ayhika Mukherjee notched victories to beat Singapore 3-2. While Ayhika lost her opening game, she bounced back to clinch the decider.

On her win, the 26-year-old Ayhika said, "The match was really tough. The third was very crucial too and when we were 2-2, I was a bit nervous but once I went to the table, I felt I could win."

Coach Baig hopeful of rowing medals

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

The best Asian Games ever for Indian rowing was way back in 2010 when the country won five medals including the first-ever gold. With finalists confirmed in nine of the 14 events here, long-term coach Ismail Baig is cautiously optimistic of doing better this time around.

On Friday, Balraj Panwar became the ninth rower and the only one in an individual event to reach the Final A by finishing 3rd in the single sculls semifinals.

"We won a gold and bronze each and three silvers in 2010. We won three medals in the next two editions but this time we are trying to do better than that. I am hopeful we can get those medals," the soft-spoken Baig, who has had a hand in every little success India has enjoyed in the sport, said.

Reaching the finals in so many events itself has been an achievement for the inexperienced group, specially with three events in the women's category.

"Only one rower here - Sukhmeet Singh - has a medal and has been part of the Asian Games before (he won gold in the men's quadruple sculls in 2018)," he added.

"We need to remember that there are six participants in the final and only three get a medal. In some events we have a very strong chance but there will be very competition in others. The actual contest for these rowers will be on the 24th and 25th," he stressed, playing down any talk of expectations.

Indian men's volleyball team enters quarterfinals

Spikers' day out: A confident India beat Chinese Taipei in straight sets. X@MEDIA_SAI

Aashin Prasad
SHAOXING

Head coach Jaideep Sarkar felt that despite all the preparations coming into the Asian Games, all the players needed was a big win to instil belief within themselves. And the team got that with its monumental victory over South Korea, ranked 46 places above it and last edition's silver medallist.

In the top 12 classification game, the team displayed confidence in the 25-22, 25-22, 25-21 victory against 2018 Asiad's bronze medallist Chinese Taipei here at the China Textile City Sports Centre Gymnasium on Friday. The coach and the players maintain they will not be daunted by its next opponent, the Asian No. 1 Japan, for a place in the semifinals.

India was slow off the blocks in the opening set; struggling to deal with Taipei's service, serving errors and misplacing its cross-court shots. "Teams come in thinking it's easy to break India in the service. If we serve easy, then they will return the pass and it will turn into a speed game. We can't play that speed game," said setter Appavu Muthusamy.

India claimed the first set after coming down from 15-20 to win the last 10 of the 12 points.

Amit, who struggled with his cross-court shots in the opening set, scored big in the second set with seven points, by opting for placement instead of power. India had its nose in front for much. After a time out at 17-17, Amit came with two points in attack and a block to give his side the ascendancy before closing out the set at 25-22 with another attacking point.

In the third set, India's poor service, which cost it the fourth set against Korea, meant it squandered a six-point lead at 12-6, allowing Taipei to close them down at 15-15. But Ashwal got a big service point which Muthusamy called a 'do-or-die' serve, setting India on its way to another memorable win.

Shami's five-for and a clinical chase give India a comprehensive win in first ODI

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MOHALI

Mohammed Shami produced a masterly spell of seam bowling under a humid sun. Then, under the lights, Shubman Gill and Ruturaj Gaikwad put on a display of silken batting, full of enchanting grace and exquisite timing.

The two young openers put India firmly on track towards victory against Australia in the opening ODI at the PCA Stadium here on Friday night. Though there was a wobble following their dismissals, within a space of a couple of overs, skipper K.L. Rahul and Surykumar Yadav got the job done.

Chasing Australia's 276, India had slid to 185 for four – from 142 for no wicket – when Ishan Kishan was caught behind off Pat Cummins. But Rahul (58 n.o., 63b, 4x4, 1x6) and Suryakumar (50, 49b, 5x4, 1x6) added 80 for the fifth wicket, as they batted sensibly to make sure that the efforts of Shami, Gill and Ruturaj were not wasted.

No. 1 in all formats

The host won by five wickets, with eight balls to spare, to go 1-0 up in the three-match series. With this victory, India has become the No. 1 team in all three formats. The second game will be played at Indore on Sunday.

The excellent crowd here would not be forgetting anytime soon that remarkable partnership by Ruturaj (71, 77b, 10x4) and Gill (74, 63b, 6x4, 2x6). It is not every day that you get to see so much class and artistry from both ends. And Gill was playing his first international game on his home ground.

Earlier, Shami's career-best five for 51 meant that the Australian innings was kept in check. He struck at the beginning, in the middle and the end. His fourth ball moved away just about enough to force an outside edge from Mitchell Marsh who was snapped up by Gill at slip. Though David Warner and Steve Smith ensured there was no further damage for a long while, they were made to work hard for their runs by Shami and Jasprit Bumrah.

Making an impact: Shami's incisive bowling was complemented by India's resounding reply in which Gill made 74. AP & GETTY IMAGES

It was an engrossing battle between two quality pacers and two quality batters. Bumrah's first two overs were maidens, as was Shami's second. Warner was dropped, on 14, by Shreyas Iyer at mid-off off Shardul Thakur who would go on to become the most expensive Indian bowler of the day (none for 78). As for the Aussie opener, he went on to make 52 (53b, 6x4, 2x6) and add 94 for the second wicket with Smith (41, 60b, 3x4, 1x6).

Warner was accounted for by Ravindra Jadeja's extra bounce, while the best Smith could do against a devastating incoming ball from Shami was to manage an inside-edge that rattled the stumps. Marnus Labuschagne (39, 49b, 3x4) was unlucky to get stumped by a deflection from Rahul off R. Ashwin, who was playing his first ODI since January 2022. A sixth-wicket stand of 62 off 43 balls between Josh Inglis (45, 45b, 3x4, 2x6) and Marcus Stoinis (29, 21b, 5x4) gave the innings the acceleration it needed. It was sustained by a nine-ball 21 by skipper Cummins; it wouldn't be enough, though.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA
Mitchell Marsh c Gill b Shami 4 *(4b, 1x4)*, David Warner c Gill b Jadeja 52 *(53b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Steve Smith b Shami 41 *(60b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Marnus Labuschagne st. Rahul b Ashwin 39 *(49b, 3x4)*, Cameron Green run out 31 *(52b, 3x4)*, Josh Inglis c Shreyas b Bumrah 45 *(45b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Marcus Stoinis b Shami 29 *(21b, 5x4)*, Matthew Short c Suryakumar b Shami 2 *(4b)*, Pat Cummins (not out) 21 *(9b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Sean Abbott b Shami 2 *(2b)*, Adam Zampa run out 2 *(2b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-1, nb-1): 8; Total (in 50 overs): 276.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Marsh, 0.4 overs), 2-98 (Warner, 18.2), 3-112 (Smith, 21.3), 4-157 (Labuschagne, 32.4), 5-186 (Green, 39.3), 6-248 (Stoinis, 46.4), 7-250 (Inglis, 47.2), 8-254 (Short, 48.2), 9-256 (Abbott, 48.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 10-1-51-5, Bumrah 10-2-43-1, Shardul 10-0-78-0, Ashwin 10-0-47-1, Jadeja 10-0-51-1.

INDIA
Ruturaj Gaikwad lbw b Zampa 71 *(77b, 10x4)*, Shubman Gill b Zampa 74 *(63b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Shreyas Iyer run out 3 *(8b)*, K.L. Rahul (not out) 58 *(63b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Ishan Kishan c Inglis b Cummins 18 *(26b, 2x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Marsh b Abbott 50 *(49b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 3 *(6b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for five wkts. in 48.4 overs): 281.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-142 (Ruturaj, 21.4), 2-148 (Shreyas, 23.4), 3-151 (Gill, 25.3), 4-185 (Kishan, 32.3), 5-265 (Suryakumar, 46.4).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Cummins 10-0-44-1, Stoinis 5-0-40-0, Abbott 9.4-1-56-1, Green 6-0-44-0, Short 8-0-39-0, Zampa 10-0-57-2.

Toss: India; **PoM:** Shami.
India won by five wickets with eight balls remaining to lead three-match series 1-0.
Second ODI: September 24, Indore, 1.30 p.m.

INBRIEF

Injured Naseem ruled out of World Cup, Hasan Ali returns

Young pacer Naseem Shah was on Friday ruled out of the ODI World Cup due to a shoulder injury as Pakistan named their final 15-member squad for the showpiece beginning next month. Chief Selector Inzamam ul Haq said experienced medium pacer Hasan Ali has been recalled because of the injury to Naseem.

The squad: Babar Azam (Caps), Shadab Khan (V.Capt), Muhammad Rizwan, Imam-ul-Haq, Abdullah Shafique, Saud Shakeel, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed, Muhammad Nawaz, Muhammad Wasim Junior, Agha Salman, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Osama Mir. **Travelling Reserves:** Muhammad Haris, Abrar Ahmed, Zaman Khan.

Karnataka cricketers beats Asian Games-bound team

Karnataka whipped the Asian Games-bound Indian cricket team in a warm-up fixture held at Alur grounds on Friday. Batting first, the Indian team was bowled out for 133. Karnataka medium pacers Manoj Bhandage (4/15) and V. Koushik (3/36), and left-arm spinner Shubhang Hegde (3/17) got among the wickets. Karnataka reached the small target in 19.1 overs, on the back of an unbeaten 52 from Manish Pandey.

The scores: India 133 in 20 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 49, Yashasvi Jaiswal 31, Manoj Bhandage 4/15, Shubhang Hegde 3/17, V. Koushik 3/36) lost to Karnataka 136/4 in 19.1 overs (Manish Pandey 52 n.o., L.R. Chethan 29).

Nagelsmann named coach of Euro 2024 hosts Germany

Julian Nagelsmann has been given nine months to revive flailing Germany ahead of hosting Euro 2024 after being named as the sacked Hansi Flick's successor as national coach on Friday.

Shreyas scores a brace as HAL defeats Real Chikkamagaluru

V. Shreyas scored a brace to help HAL FC defeat Real Chikkamagaluru FC 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Friday.

The results: HAL FC 2 (V. Shreyas 20, 22) bt Real Chikkamagaluru FC 1 (Praful Kumar 86); Kodagu FC 4 (Shlok Tiwari 36, 90+4, Romario Nazareth 48, A. Konthoujam 68) bt ASC & Centre 1 (Dilon Kharka 60).

LIVE TELECAST

Laver Cup: Day 1, Session 2, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 a.m.

Bangladesh vs New Zealand: 2nd ODI, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.

England vs Ireland: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

Asian Games: Opening Ceremony, Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 p.m. onwards; Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. (Sunday)

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5.30 & 8 p.m.

LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 5.30, 7.45 p.m.; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 6.30 p.m.; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 7 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Mooney VR46's Bezzecchi and Marini top the time charts in Free Practices

Ducati's factory rider and reigning champion Bagnaia could only manage seventh-fastest and KTM's Binder finishes a disappointing 12th in the second session

MOTOGP

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Blazing away: Marini set the pace and took the honours in the second session. R.V. MOORTHY

It was a day of learning, adapting and finding the limits for the MotoGP riders as they unleashed their mean machines on the first day of running of the Indian Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit here on Friday.

In the two practice sessions held, Mooney VR46 Racing Team riders hogged the top of the times on their Ducati bikes. Marco Bezzecchi topped the first Free Practice session in the morning before Luca Marini did the same in the afternoon.

Both sessions were extended to 70 minutes to help the riders familiarise with the track and layout. The afternoon running on Friday called 'Practice' is a timed session in which the top-10 riders get a direct berth into the second part of qualifying (Q2) on Saturday morning. The results in Q2 determine the top-12 positions for the Sprint race on Saturday and Sunday's Grand Prix.

The remaining 12 riders, who finished from 11th to 22nd in the second running on Friday, will participate in the Q1 session on Saturday. The two fastest riders in Q1 will join the 10 riders in Q2 to fight for the pole position.

Up to speed

Championship contender Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) was up to speed in both sessions and finished 0.008 seconds behind Marini in the afternoon session on his Ducati.

The Aprilia riders of Aleix Espargaro and Maverick Vinales were third and sixth, respectively. Six-time MotoGP title winner Marc Marquez was fourth-fastest in the factory Honda, with Bezzecchi rounding out the top five.

Ducati's factory rider and reigning champion Francesco Bagnaia could only manage seventh-fastest. The 2021 champion Fabio Quartararo was eighth in his Yamaha ahead of Johann Zarco (Prima Pramac Racing) and Joan Mir (Honda), who completed the top-10.

The big loser in Friday's Practice session was KTM Factory Racing rider Brad Binder, who finished 12th. The South African is fourth in the championship and set a time good enough to be in the top-10 on his last timed lap, but it was cancelled, as he did it under yellow flag conditions.

The day was also physically demanding for the riders, with high ambient temperatures making the bikes and engines uncomfortably hot.

MotoGP apologises after showing distorted India map

Anish Pathiyil
GREATER NOIDA

On the first day of running at the Indian Grand Prix, a minor incident with big implications threatened to distract from the on-track action here on Friday.

Ahead of the first MotoGP Free Practice 1 (FP1) session, fans spotted a distorted Indian map, which left out areas from Jammu and Kashmir from the outline of the country, on the global broadcast feed.

Jammu and Kashmir has long been a contentious issue between India and its neighbour Pakistan, which also claims territorial sovereignty over a part of the Kashmir region.

After the backlash from social media users, MotoGP put out a statement to apologise for the mishap.

"We'd like to apologise to our fans in India for the map shown earlier as part of the MotoGP broadcast. It is never our intent to make any statement other than that of support and appreciation for our host country," the statement read.

No refreshments, no work: Marshals

Sports Bureau
GREATER NOIDA

While Friday's morning session of the Indian Grand Prix went smoothly, there was a 45-minute delay before the start of the second practice session for Moto 3, pushing back the schedule of Moto2 and MotoGP by the same period of time.

The Moto3 session was supposed to start at 1.15 p.m. but eventually started only at 2.00 p.m.

The reason cited on the global feed was 'due to track conditions'.

After a while, a message from race control said that 'Marshall posts are being checked, and the session will begin soon.'

It was later understood that the suppliers could not get to the circuit due to accreditation issues and provide refreshments to workers who were toiling in scorching conditions inside the track.

This caused frustration at the posts before it was resolved.

The rest of the day went smoothly without any hiccup.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen dominates practice sessions

JAPANESE GP

Agence France-Presse
SUZUKA (JAPAN)

Back on track: Verstappen will be hoping to bounce back from a fifth-place finish in Singapore. GETTY IMAGES

Max Verstappen laid down a marker with the fastest time in the second practice for the Japanese Grand Prix on Friday, as he looks to put one hand on his third straight Formula One title.

Red Bull's Verstappen, who leads teammate and nearest rival Sergio Perez by 151 points in the championship standings, was last out on the Suzuka track in dry conditions. He put down a fastest lap of 1min 30.688sec to finish 0.320sec quicker than second-placed Charles Leclerc of Ferrari.

Verstappen cannot clinch the title on Sunday but a favourable result can set him up to seal the deal at the Qatar Grand Prix next month. The Dutchman is looking to bounce back from a disappointing fifth-place finish in Singapore that ended his record streak of 10 straight wins.

He made his intentions clear from the start of the day, finishing the first practice quickest ahead of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and McLaren's Lando Norris. And there was no let-up in the second session as well.

Norris had the third-fastest time with 1min 31.152sec. Alpine's Pierre Gasly crashed with just minutes of the session remaining.

Sainz finished fourth followed by Mercedes's George Russell and Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso. Perez was ninth.

Aditya Swaminathan fastest in MRF F2000 category

INCRC

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Speedy run: Aditya in action on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aditya Swaminathan set the tone and pace for the second round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2023 as he emerged fastest in the free practice session for the premier MRF Formula 2000 category at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) here on Friday.

Aditya returned a top time of 1:35.082 seconds, just about outpacing veteran Chetan Korada (1:35.717s).

Meanwhile, Chetan Surineni was the fastest in the MRF Formula 1500 as he stopped the clock at 1:43.649s, well clear of Veer Sheth (1:46.058s).

Earlier, multiple National champion Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) was the quickest among the touring cars as he put in a hot lap of 1:51.867s after negotiating heavy traffic that had 19 cars on the track at various stages during the 30-minute free practice session.

In the Indian Junior Touring Cars (IJTC) category, Akkineni Anand Prasad (Team Performance Racing), who's lying second in the championship, topped the time sheets with a best lap of 1:56.079s.

Diljith TS (DTS Racing), who won all three races in the previous round in July, was the quickest in the Super Stock class, putting in a hot lap of 2:04.797s.

SNAPSHOTS

India to open U-19 WC campaign against Bangladesh

Five-time winner and defending champion India will open its campaign at next year's U-19 World Cup against Bangladesh, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Friday.

Featuring a total of 16 teams, the U-19 World Cup will be held from January 13 to February 4 in Sri Lanka, with the host taking on Zimbabwe in the tournament-opener in Colombo.

India is the most successful team in the tournament, having lifted the trophy on five occasions – 1999-00, 2007-08, 2012, 2017-18 and last year in the West Indies during the 2021-22 edition.

India is placed in Group A along with Bangladesh, Ireland and USA. After taking on Bangladesh on January 14, India will face the USA on January 18 and Ireland on January 20.

"The teams will be divided into four groups, each consisting of four teams, the top three teams from each group will now progress to the Super Six stage. Group stage matches will take place from 13 to 21 January," the ICC said.

"Additionally, the fourth-placed teams in each group will compete in one more match against another fourth-placed team before concluding their tournament," it added.

Seven venues in Windies confirmed for T20 WC 2024

The International Cricket Council (ICC) today confirmed the seven venues in the Caribbean that will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup from June 4 to 30, 2024.

Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Guyana, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad & Tobago will host games along with three venues in the USA – Dallas, Florida and New York.

ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said: "We're delighted to announce the seven Caribbean venues that will host the biggest ICC Men's T20 World Cup ever staged, with 20 teams competing for the trophy. They're all popular venues with players and fans alike that will provide a wonderful backdrop to the event.

Tehani claims the Karnataka Race Horse Owners' Association Mysore 1000 Guineas

MYSURU: S. Attaollahi trained Tehani (Akshay Kumar up) won the Karnataka Race Horse Owners' Association Mysore 1000 Guineas, the first classic of the season held here on Friday (Sept 22).

The winner is owned by Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep by Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker & Mr. S.R. Sanas.

Tehani, who jumped out smartly, settled down to race fifth till the final bend when Akshay, who rode confidently, made his move from the inside. In the straight, the filly responded well and took command in the last 200m mark to gallop past the leader Auspicious Queen and take the honours ahead of the late and fast-finishing Fast Pace.

Winning team: Owners Cyrus S. Poonawalla, S.R. Sanas, trainer S.S. Attaollahi leading in Tehani, jockey Akshay Kumar up, the winner of the Karnataka Race Horse Owners' Association Mysore 1000 Guineas at the Mysore Race Club, in Mysuru, on September 22, 2023. M.A. SRIRAM

THE RESULTS

1. SIDAPUR PLATE: I CAN (Kiran Rai) 1, Star Azeem (Shezad Khan) 2, Emeraldo (Inayat) 3 and Akasi (Rayan) 4. Not run: Twin Flame. 5-1/2, 1 and 1. 1m 24.46s. Rs. 18 (w), 11, 16 and 15 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 36, FP: 161, Q: 136, Trinella: 322, Exacta: 957. Favourite: I Can.

Owner: Ushkav Holding Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Anil Saraf. Trainer: C. Girinath.

2. PSYCHIC STRENGTH PLATE (DIV. II): BENGHAZI (Angad) 1, Eco Friendly (P. Sai K) 2, Je Ne Sais Quoi (Arshad) 3 and Sekhmet (Arvind K) 4. 8, 1/2 and Lnk. 1m 36.91s. Rs. 34 (w), 13, 11 and 25 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 54, FP: 111, Q: 45, Trinella: 936, Exacta: 4,540. Favourite: Eco Friendly.

Owner: The estate of late Mr. Gnanadeva Rao. Trainer: V. Appachu.

3. PANCHGANI PLATE (DIV. II): SUNSHINE COAST (Srinath) 1, Ochre (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Dream Machine (Afsar Khan) 3 and Mystic Divine (Inayat) 4. 3/4, 1 and Hd. 1m 11.24s. Rs. 27 (w), 13, 18 and 13 (p), SHP: 46, THP: 34, FP: 94, Q: 88, Trinella: 378, Exacta: 1,272. Favourite: Mystic Divine.

Owner: Manjri Horse Breed`s Farm Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Pallon S Mistry. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

4. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY TROPHY: WIN MY LUV (G. Vivek) 1, Jewel Thief (M. Rajesh K) 2, Gold Kite (B. Dharshan) 3 and His Eminence (S. John) 4. 3-1/4, 1-3/4 and 9. 1m 36.08s. Rs. 17 (w), 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 32, FP: 33, Q: 24, Trinella: 213, Exacta: 234. Favourite: Win My Luv.

Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

5. ORIGINAL VEL RACING TROPHY: SHEEBA (Srinath) 1, Tom Cruiser (Arshad) 2, Gold Crest (Tousif) 3 and Kingofthejungle (Angad) 4. Hd, 4-1/2 and 2. 1m 11.03s. Rs. 22 (w), 13, 14 and 23 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 103, FP: 72, Q: 37, Trinella: 896, Exacta: 4,034. Favourite: Sheeba.

Owner: Mr. Anil Viswanatha Poduval. Trainer: Feroz Khan.

6. KARNATAKA RACE HORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MYSORE 1000 GUINEAS: TEHANI (Excellent Art - Unforgettable You) Akshay K 1, Fast Pace (Western Aristocrat - Striking) G. Vivek 2, Auspicious Queen (Gusto - Almandine) Suraj 3 and Aralina (Speaking Of Which - Analeah) Antony 4. Snk, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m 34.82s. Rs. 20 (w), 10, 27 and 14 (p), SHP: 138, THP: 63, FP: 596, Q: 249, Trinella: 819, Exacta: 49,616 (carried over). Favourite: Tehani.

Owners: Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep by Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker & Mr. S.R. Sanas. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

7. PANCHGANI PLATE (DIV. I): AQUILA D'ORO (Koshi K) 1, Natural One (G. Vivek) 2, Red Hills (J. Chinoy) 3 and Ankush (Angad) 4. Nk, 1-1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m 11.90s. Rs. 72 (w), 25, 11 and 19 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 44, FP: 344, Q: 207, Trinella: 1,396, Exacta: 22,256. Favourite: Natural One.

Owner: Mr. Gaurav Sethi. Trainer: Vishal Yadav.

8. PSYCHIC STRENGTH PLATE (DIV. I): MYSTICAL MERKABAH (Kiran Rai) 1, Peluche (Arvind K) 2, Katana (Srinath) 3 and Queen Regnant (Darshan) 4. Shd, Lnk and 2-1/4. 1m 37.31s. Rs. 62 (w), 21, 18 and 31 (p), SHP: 59, THP: 47, FP: 325, Q: 170, Trinella: 4,471, Exacta: 16,042 (carried over). Favourite: Striking Memory.

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Member Secretary

DIPR/1390/2023-24

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in; e-tendering portal: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Contact No. 96461-19383, 96461-11036

Tender Enquiry No. QQ-248/PO-C Dated : 21.09.2023

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor Multistorey Building, The Mall Road, Patiala, invites E-tender of 6500 Km ACSR Rabbit, Nominal Aluminium area 50 mm² bearing ISI/PQM Mark conforming to IS:398 Part-II 1996 (with latest amendments, if any) and PSPCL specification QQ-248.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 26.09.2023 11:00 AM onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

C- 681/23 76155/12/2221/2023/28159

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.

Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in : Contact Number 96461-22185

Tender Enquiry No. 287/SS(D)-339/Spares Dated: 22.09.2023

Dy.CE/Substation (Design)/TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacturing, Testing, Supply and Delivery of 415V, 11 Circuit, AC Distribution Boards and 220V/100AH, 24V/100AH & 220V-200AH Dc Distribution Boards.For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 26.09.2023 (11:00 AM onwards).

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C - 677/23 76155/12/2216/2023/28151

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/83/2023-24 Date: 21.09.2023

Tender Notification
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001. Karnataka, India invites tender to take up the work of Preparation of Detailed project report and providing project management and consultancy service for Construction of Cycling Velodrome at Mysuru, Karnataka through.

Sl. No.	Particulars	EMD
1	Preparation of Detailed project report and providing project management and consultancy service for Construction of Cycling Velodrome at Mysuru, Karnataka through.	Rs.1,00,000/-

The tender shall be submitted through E-Procurement portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

a) Last date and time for Submission of tender documents through E-Procurement Portal : Date: 06.10.2023 Time: 16.00 hrs. b) Opening of technical bid: Date: 07.10.2023 Time: 16.30 hrs. c) Opening of Commercial Offers: will be intimated. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Department of Youth Empowerment and sports
[TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY]

DIPR/CP/1395/AKAR/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-3), Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/PC-3/TEND/01/2023-24 Date: 22-09-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Central-3), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Short Term Proposals (Technical & Financial) for appointing Consultant for the work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	EMD (in Rs.)	Amount of Bid Document (in Rs.)
1	"Consultancy Services for Preparation of Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Construction of Integrated Flyover from Krishna Roa Park to Banashankari Temple, Kanakapura Road and Construction of Underpass from Banashankari Market to Sarakki Junction, Bengaluru"	2,00,000/-	As per Karnataka Public Procurement Portal

Calendar of Events: 1) Request for Proposal (RFP) Document may be downloaded from the GOK KPP Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 25-09-2023 onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **03-10-2023 upto 17.30 Hrs. in e-Portal. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **04-10-2023 at 15.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Project Central). 4)** Last Date for Submission of Proposals is **06-10-2023 upto 17.30 Hrs. 5)** Technical Proposals will be Opened on **09-10-2023 at 11.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-3, BBMP.

MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Directorate of Minorities, #16 C, Moulana Azad Bhavan, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagara, Bengaluru-560052.
Ph No. 080-22535901/02, Help Line No: 8277799990,
Email:**directorgokdom@gmail.com** Website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

No.: DOM/DEVP/Residential/Soaps & Detergents/CR-04/2023-24 Dated:22-09-2023

Announcement of short term Re-Tender

Short term Re-Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minority for Supplier to supply Swachata kit to the students of Minority Residential Schools/Colleges working under Minority Welfare Department in the academic year 2023-24. Details are given below. Interested bidders should apply through online mode under e-procurement portal.

(1) Date of Tender Publication: **Date: 22.09.2023**, **(2)** Tender amount: **Rs. 446.76 lakhs**, **(3)** EMD amount: **Rs. 6,70,144 (4)** Pre-bid meeting: **26.09.2023 at 11.30 am, (5)** Last date and time for submission of tender: **30.09.2023 By 5.30 pm, (6)** Date and time of technical bid opening : **03.10.2023 at 11.30 am, (7)** Date and time of financial bid opening: **05.10.2023 at 11.30 am, (8)** Place of tender opening and contact address: **Moulana Azad Bhavan, No.16 C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bangalore-52. (9)** Telephone number to be contact: 080-22535902, 080-22535912.

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Director,
DIPR/CP/1408/Zen/2023-24 Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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Email:**directorgokdom@gmail.com** Website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

No.: Dom/Integrated course/TENDER/CR-01/2023-24 Dated: 20-09-2023

Announcement of short term Re-Tender

Short term Re-Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minority for training to Minority students for Integrated course (BA, B.Com, with IAS/KAS) for the year 2023-24. Details are given below. Interested bidders should apply through online mode under e-procurement portal.

(1) Date of Tender Publication: **Date: 22.09.2023**, **(2)** Tender amount: **Rs. 846.00 lakhs**, **(3)** EMD amount: **Rs. 12.69 lakhs, (4)** Pre-bid meeting: **25.09.2023 at 11.30 am, (5)** Last date and time for submission of tender: **29.09.2023 By 5.30 pm, (6)** Date and time of technical bid opening : **03.10.2023 at 11.30 am, (7)** Date and time of financial bid opening: **05.10.2023 at 11.30 am,** Tentative **(8)** Place of tender opening and contact address: **Moulana Azad Bhawan, No.16 C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bangalore-52. (9)** Telephone number to be contact: 080-22535902, 080-22535912.

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Director,
DIPR/CP/1389/Zen/2023-24 Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಲೋ.ಇ. ಪೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದೂ: 08022122856

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 02/2023–24
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2023

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇಎಂಡಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕೆಲಸದ ಮೊತ್ತ
1	Reconstruction of Sri Varaprasadha Anjaneyaswamy Temple work in Sri Banashankari Temple premises at S, Kariyappa road, Bangalore. **PWD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT1415**	**6,12,95,859.23**

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ : 24 ತಿಂಗಳು, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ: ಇತರೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ಯಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.09.2023 ರಿಂದ 05.10.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.10.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.

3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.10.2023 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
DIPR/CP/1405/Zen/2023-24 ಲೋ.ಇ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು